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**Proceedings**  
of  
**Grand Chapter**  
of  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
of **Alberta**  
1941





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## To Scribes E.

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### PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—these are the property of the Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. before the 31st of January. (See Sub-section 1, Clause 214—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions deleted *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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WILLIAM HUDSON SCOTT  
*Grand First Principal, 1940*



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Grand First Principal

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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*Most Excellent Companion William Hudson Scott was born on the 5th day of February, 1893, at Lancaster, Ontario.*

*He was educated at the Lancaster Public School, Williamstown High School, completing his High School studies at the High School in Edmonton South, Alberta University, Royal College of Dental Surgeons, graduating in 1916 as a Dental Surgeon.*

*He was married to Miss Bertha Matilda Clarke, in Edmonton, on June 5th, 1918; of this union two children were born.*

*He was initiated into Masonry in Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, G.R.A., on July 29th, 1919, serving as Junior Warden in 1925, Senior Warden in 1926, and Worshipful Master in 1927.*

*Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, G.R.A., serving as First Principal in 1928. Elected Grand Superintendent for 1933, Grand Principal Sojourner 1936, Grand Third Principal 1938, Grand Second Principal 1939, and Grand First Principal 1940.*

*A member of Mizpah Chapter, Rose Croix, Valley of Edmonton, A.A.S.R.*

*He held office of Grand Steward in Grand Lodge in 1930, and D.D.G.M., District No. 10, in 1938.*

*He has taken an active interest in various societies as well as in Municipal affairs, as this brief recital shows: Member of the Session of the First United Church, President of the Vermilion Board of Trade, School Board and Town Council, President, Vermilion Turf Club, Director Vermilion Agriculture Society, and the Edmonton District Thoroughbred Society.*







PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

*at the*

Twenty-seventh  
Annual Convocation

1941

*Held in the*

City of EDMONTON, Alberta

*May 14th, 1941*





# Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

## *Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation* *Proceedings*

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 14th day of May, A.D. 1941, A.I. 2471.

### OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. W. Hudson Scott.....	Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. W. B. Way.....	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard.....	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. J. O. Gair.....	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. W. A. Irving.....	Grand Superintendent.
R. E. Comp. H. A. Ferguson.....	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. H. E. Bentley.....	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. H. D. Fawcett.....	Grand Registrar
M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan.....	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. J. H. N. Dutton.....	Grand Junior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. A. J. Fyfe.....	Grand Steward
Comp. Fred Loughlin.....	Grand Tyler

### PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey	M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote	M. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison
M. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside	M. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer
M. E. Comp. H. Sandilands	M. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin
M. E. Comp. A. B. McCurdy	M. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell



## PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

### Alberta Chapter No. 1

C. H. Minchin, F. J. Hand, H. D. Fawcett, H. E. Kelly.

### North Star Chapter, No. 2

E. A. Figg, Z.; A. A. Cashman, H.; G. Lynn Tipp, A. Robinson, W. L. Sharp, Geo. Elliott, W. T. Coote, J. B. Cameron, H. Sandilands, C. W. Lilley, Thomas Law, A. B. McCurdy, O. J. Barker, T. W. Bull.

### Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3

E. G. Ellerton, R. C. Becker.

### Shekinah Chapter, No. 4

J. E. Rannard.

### Golden West Chapter, No. 5

B. Sanderson, Z.; W. B. Way.

### Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9

J. J. Malkin, Z.; W. E. Mercer, J. R. Flan, H. E. Bentley, C. A. MacPherson.

### Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10

H. W. B. Bell (Proxy).

### Calgary Chapter, No. 11

T. S. Jeffery, E. G. Ironside.

### Keystone Chapter, No. 12

A. G. Ayres, W. T. Coote, M. M. Downey.

### Capital City Chapter, No. 13

Frank Mayer, Z.; H. A. Ferguson, Walter Hill, R. M. Lambertson, H. S. Baird, J. Cleveley.

### Vermilion Chapter, No. 14

W. H. Scott, J. W. G. Morrison, Percy Fielding.

### Hillvue Chapter, No. 15

George Coupland, Z.

### **Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16**

M. S. Weatherhead, Z.

### **Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17**

J. O. Gair.

### **Norwood Chapter, No. 18**

John Hall, Z.; J. G. Walker, J.; G. Blyth, J. H. Richardson, J. J. Clarke.

### **Hiram Chapter, No. 19**

E. G. Lamb.

### **Banff Chapter, No. 20**

C. A. MacPherson (Proxy).

### **Strathmore Chapter, No. 21**

W. E. Mercer, T. S. Spence, H. W. B. Bell, M. M. Downey.

### **Crescent Chapter, No. 24**

C. F. Dooley, Z.; C. A. MacPherson, J. M. Donaldson, E. G. Pepper, F. W. Keyte, R. C. Rankin, M. M. Downey.

### **Harmony Chapter, No. 26**

J. R. Flan, H. W. B. Bell.

### **Eheych Chapter, No. 27**

W. A. Irving, J. H. N. Dutton, J. R. Flan, J. G. Harrison.

### **Edson Chapter, No. 30**

A. J. Fyfe, I. J. Cadogan, R. D. Layng.



A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified representatives, the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:40 o'clock a.m., May 14th, 1941, A.D., 2471 A.I.

### RECEPTION OF VISITOR

M. E. Companion Downey was asked to retire and introduce the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, M. E. Companion A. E. Miscampbell, which was done in a very pleasing manner. The distinguished visitor was received with Grand Honors and escorted to the dais. M. E. Companion Miscampbell responded briefly, thanking the companions for the warmth of the reception and expressing his pleasure at being present.

### CIVIC RECEPTION

M. E. Companion Downey was asked to retire and introduce the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Bro. Fry, which was done in his usual pleasing manner, with reference in a humorous way to the friendly rivalry between the cities of Calgary and Edmonton. The Mayor was escorted to the dais, after being received and welcomed by the Grand First Principal, where, on behalf of the City of Edmonton, he warmly welcomed the delegates, expressing the hope that their Convocation would be pleasant and profitable.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A telegram was received from Companion Sam Harris, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., expressing regret at his inability to be present and sending best wishes and fraternal greetings.

Letters conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful convocation and regret at their inability to be present were received from:

M. E. Companion Follett.

C. H. Welden, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

R. E. Companion Comba, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

R. V. Locey, Grand Representative of Alberta, near the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

W. J. Edwards, Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

A. Armstrong, Grand Scribe E of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

J. H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

W. D. Swain, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E, Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

E. F. Strain, Past Grand High Priest of South Dakota.

F. W. Senn, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota.

W. L. Klink, Grand Second Principal, of Saskatchewan.

Preliminary Report of the Committee on Credentials, by R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, was received.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following Grand Representatives were in attendance at Grand Chapter and conveyed Fraternal Greetings on behalf of their respective Jurisdictions:

Alabama.....	R. E. Companion Geo. Blyth.
Arkansas.....	M. E. Companion W. H. Scott.
British Columbia.....	M. E. Companion H. Sandilands.
Delaware.....	R. E. Companion G. Elliott.
District of Columbia.....	M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.
Illinois.....	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin.
Ireland.....	M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.
Manitoba.....	R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson.
Maryland.....	M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer.
Massachusetts.....	M. E. Companion W. B. Way.
Michigan.....	M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.
Mississippi.....	R. E. Companion A. Robinson.
Missouri.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.
Nebraska.....	M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside.
Nevada.....	R. E. Companion O. J. Barker.
New Brunswick.....	R. E. Companion R. Lambertson.
New Jersey.....	M. E. Companion W. T. Coote.
New Mexico.....	R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp.
New South Wales.....	R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley.
New Zealand.....	R. E. Companion F. Mayer.
North Carolina.....	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery.
North Dakota.....	R. E. Companion J. G. Harrison.
Ohio.....	R. E. Companion J. H. Richardson.
Quebec.....	M. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy.
Rhode Island.....	R. E. Companion J. J. Clarke
South Carolina.....	R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte.
South Dakota.....	M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell.
Vermont.....	M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.
West Australia.....	R. E. Companion P. Fielding.
West Virginia.....	R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.
Wyoming.....	R. E. Companion H. D. Fawcett.

The Grand Representatives were received by the Grand First Principal and warmly welcomed in short speech expressing his pleasure for their attendance; this was suitably replied to by M. E. Companion Morrison.



# ADDRESS

## of the

### Grand First Principal

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To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Dear Companions:

I am sure that all who have gathered here for the 27th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter have a feeling of humble thankfulness that we are privileged to meet in the quietness and beauty of this Temple, and pursue our deliberations today without fear of molestation by those who would destroy Masonry along with everything else that we of the democracies consider makes life worth living.

Let us remind ourselves that it is not because of any special virtue on our part that we are so favored. In the many countries which have been overrun by the enemy, Masonry in all its branches has been ruthlessly suppressed. In the Mother Country—the cradle of our Order—our brethren and companions along with the rest of the population are passing their lives in constant danger “Of the terror by night and the arrow that flieth by day.” They are undergoing a period of trial and difficulty, a time of testing and proving, such as no nation hitherto has been called upon to face in the long history of the human race. And they are meeting it with unflinching courage. If in the weeks to come these words of mine should find their way to beleaguered Britain, and be scanned by any companions there, may these words show them that they are daily in our thoughts and prayers. A message of encouragement was written long ago at another time of oppression and peril. It was in these words: “Fear not them that kill the body but are not able to kill the soul.” We know that whatever happens, the soul of Britain can not be conquered, and we believe the body cannot be conquered either.

Let us at the very outset of this Convocation pay a grateful tribute to the forces of our Empire and our Allies—on land, on sea, and in the air,—which so far, against heavy odds, are engaged in the defence not only of our country and Empire, but indeed of civilization as well.

Particularly at this time do we remember our own Companions of this jurisdiction and the immediate members of their families who have enlisted in His Majesty's Forces. Some of these have already given their lives for the cause. To the bereaved families we extend our deepest sympathy.

### NECROLOGY

Let us also thus early in our deliberations pause for a moment in memory of our Companions in this and other jurisdictions who have been summoned during the year to the Eternal Home, where “There is no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, nor any more pain.” Fifteen of our Chapters have sustained the loss by death of a total of 28 Companions. Forty-three P. G. High Priests and P. G.

First Principals have also passed away in the Chapters with which we have fraternal correspondence. This Grand Chapter offers our most sincere sympathy to the Chapters and families so bereaved.

### BEYOND

*It seemeth such a little way to me  
Across to that strange country—the Beyond;  
And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be  
The home of those of whom I am so fond,  
They make it seem familiar and most dear,  
As journeying friends bring distant regions near.*

*I cannot make it seem a day to dread,  
When from this dear earth I shall journey out  
To that still dearer country of the dead,  
And join the lost ones, so long dreamed about.  
I love this world, yet shall I love to go  
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.*

*I never stand above a bier and see  
The seal of death set on some well loved face  
But that I think, "One more to welcome me  
When I shall cross the intervening space  
Between this land and that one 'over there';  
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair."*

*And so for me there is no sting in death,  
And so the grave has lost its victory.  
It is but crossing—with a bated breath  
And white, set face—a little strip of sea  
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,  
More beautiful, more precious than before.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

When I took office a year ago I expressed the desire to visit all the constituent Chapters if I could possibly do so. I knew at the time that this would involve a tremendous amount of travelling. The closest Chapter to my home, Mr. Olivet, involves a trip of 200 miles—the farthest one, Assiniboia, at Medicine Hat, 1070 miles. However, I am glad to be able to report that I have visited all the 26 Chapters which are functioning at the present time. I spent 45 days away from home on Grand Chapter business and have travelled 13,360 miles. This was all done by car except part of the trip to Winnipeg. It is a tribute to the modern car, that with the exception of one flat tire, I had no other hold-up except once with adverse weather conditions. I must thank those Vermilion companions who on a great number of occasions, at the sacrifice of many nights' sleep, accompanied me and assisted in driving.

My visits to constituent Chapters were as follows:

May 25th.—Edson Chapter, No. 30. There was a large attendance including many Edmonton companions, who make a practice of visiting Edson at least once a year. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy. This was the occasion of a "Field Day" when five candidates from the Coal Branch were received. While the practice of conferring all three degrees in one day is to be deprecated, it was the only practical method in this instance on account of the train service. Edson Chapter conferred the M. M. M. degree in



the afternoon. Teams from the three Edmonton Chapters conferred the M. E. M. and H. R. A. degrees in the evening. I invested V. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe as Grand Steward—a fitting tribute to a zealous and efficient worker in the Chapter.

The new companions with others on the Coal Branch have since organized themselves into a Study Club under the expert tutelage of V. E. Companion L. G. Dunaway. Several books from the Grand Chapter library were sent to this club. Although they are not able to visit their own Chapter regularly, I am sure they will benefit from their studies. Edson Chapter is doing good work.

May 28th.—Keystone Chapter No. 12, Red Deer. The attendance was fair. The M. E. M. degree was conferred in an acceptable manner. We were entertained with a sumptuous repast in the hotel following the meeting and arrived home at 7:00 a.m.

June 3rd.—Crescent Chapter, Calgary. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, R. E. Companion W. B. Way, Grand Second Principal, R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall, Grand Superintendent, District No. 4, the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Treasurer. Several Principals and other officers and companions of other city Chapters were present. This happy circumstance was noted at all subsequent visits to Calgary. This was the last meeting of this Chapter before the summer recess. Plans were laid for a summer outing for companions and their families. I invested V. E. Companion F. W. McJunkin as Grand Organist.

June 7th.—Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller. This is a trip I shall not soon forget as it involved 27 hours continuous driving except for the time in actual meeting. We ran into a heavy rain going across country and did not arrive until 11 p.m. A large delegation from Calgary who had come by bus were also delayed and preceded me by only a short time. However, the warmth of the reception accorded us by Ex. Companion Teasdale and the Eheyeh Companions, more than compensated for any discomforts we suffered. After a most enjoyable dinner, Alberta Chapter, No. 1, conferred the H. R. A. degree, commencing the work at 11:45 p.m. Rarely, if ever, have I seen this degree conferred as beautifully or as impressively as it was on that occasion. I am sure the meeting will be remembered for a very long time by all present. Eheyeh Chapter is very active in this section of the jurisdiction. I invested V. E. Companion J. H. N. Dutton as Grand Junior Sojourner.

June 10th.—Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary. This is the oldest and largest Chapter in the jurisdiction. On this occasion I was supported by M. E. Companions Bell and Minchin as well as R. E. Companion Way and other Grand Chapter officers. Ex. Companion Price has given splendid leadership, supported by exceptionally able officers. The same degree team as had appeared at Drumheller conferred the H. R. A. degree on two candidates. If there is any Chapter in this jurisdiction anxious to see the H. R. A. degree conferred faultlessly and with the utmost sincerity I would advise such to either visit Alberta Chapter or else invite Alberta Chapter to visit you and demonstrate how it should and can be done.

June 11th.—Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm. On this occasion we had the whole of the Grand Council in attendance—a circumstance which is probably not very common in Capitular circles, but happened on quite a number of occasions during the past year. In addition to several companions from Golden West Chapter, High River, we had a good representation from Shekinah Chapter, Lethbridge. I am sure



that any one visiting Tau Cross Chapter cannot but remark on the very restful and well appointed Chapter room. No degree work was done, but we had a very enjoyable evening. Addresses were given by all members of the Grand Council. I must thank the companions of Tau Cross for their attendance and support at a number of other meetings in the south during the year.

June 12th.—Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge. This is the home Chapter of the Grand Third Principal, R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard. On this occasion again all members of the Grand Council were present. This Chapter has not enjoyed as much activity as some during the past few years. However, they are carrying on—the ever faithful few holding the fort. At the banquet table several interesting talks were given by the companions present.

June 20th.—Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat. This is the second largest Chapter in the jurisdiction and certainly one of the most active. On this visit I was accompanied by the Grand Third Principal, who brought a carload of companions from Lethbridge with him. It is a tribute to their endurance that they were able to listen to three addresses of mine during one week. However, I appreciated very much their attendance and support. There was a large attendance of companions to witness the conferring of the H. R. A. degree on a class of five candidates. This work was done most impressively. The affairs of Assiniboia Chapter are well managed. They are in splendid financial condition. Indeed on this occasion the Chapter made a loan of a thousand dollars, interest free, to the Dominion Government, to be used for war purposes.

August 21st.—Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam. This is a Chapter that we in Vermilion try to visit once a year. On this visit M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison and V. E. Companion H. P. Long and other Vermilion companions accompanied me. This is the home Chapter of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1., R. E. Companion John Gair. They have a widely scattered membership, and are carrying on under some difficulties. The old Chapter room being no longer available, at the present time meetings are held in premises also used as a theatre. To show the spirit of the companions here, I have only to refer to a notice of motion given at this meeting. This was to loan the Dominion Government the sum of one hundred dollars for war purposes, though their cash assets at the time were only fifty-seven dollars. I know that with this spirit this Chapter will carry on.

Sept. 18th.—Joint meeting of Hanna, No. 28, and Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, at Hanna. There were also a number of companions of Eheyeh Chapter present, headed by R. E. Companion W. A. Irving, Grand District Superintendent of District No. 2. Hanna Chapter opened, and Hiram Chapter closed the meeting. Although this meeting was held in the midst of harvesting operations and most of the Hiram companions are farmers, there was a good attendance from this Chapter, and I was much heartened by their enthusiasm. Hanna Chapter had not held a meeting for a year, and had practically decided to amalgamate with Hiram or Eheyeh Chapters. However, the companions from these Chapters persuaded them to carry on and promised every assistance in their power.

Oct. 9th.—Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. There was a good attendance at this meeting including a number of companions from Calgary. After completing the routine business of the Chapter the meeting reconvened as the annual District Meeting of District No. 4.



Strathmore Chapter enjoys the distinction of having at least two Past Grand First Principals among its active members. M. E. Companions W. E. Mercer and H. W. B. Bell.

Nov. 5th.—Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River. This is the home Chapter of the Grand Second Principal, R. E. Companion W. B. Way, and the Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall. It is also one of the most active and enthusiastic in the jurisdiction. I am sure that in the coming year most of the Chapters in the Province will have the pleasure of meeting many of these splendid companions as they accompany the incoming Grand First Principal on his visits. The wild game supper held on this occasion and which is an annual affair is something that is looked forward to by companions all over the Province. My visit to this Chapter coincided with the District Meeting, to which I shall make reference in a moment.

Nov. 21st.—North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton. A year ago North Star and Strathcona Chapters amalgamated. Meetings are held in the old Strathcona premises in Acacia Hall. This Chapter was blessed by having Ex. Companion Major C. W. Lilley as First Principal. Although he has been very busy with his military duties, nevertheless his qualities of friendliness and sincerity have been a great asset to this Chapter under the new conditions prevailing. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place. Ex. Companion E. A. Figg was elected First Principal. He has marked ability and long experience in Masonic matters. I am certain he will give able leadership during his term of office.

Dec. 13th.—Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton. This is the second largest of the three Edmonton Chapters. There was a good attendance. The H. R. A. degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner by the officers and a very enjoyable get-together at the banquet table followed.

Jan. 8th.—Joint Meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary. There was an exceptionally large attendance. Both these Chapters have been very active in the way of receiving new members during the past year. This meeting was the occasion of the installation of officers for the year 1941. The ceremonies were carried out in a faultless manner by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, assisted by M. E. Companions Follett, Mercer and Bell. The Grand Chapter has looked to these Chapters for leadership for many years, and they are amongst the strongest and best in the jurisdiction. The outgoing officers were justly commended for their splendid efforts. The new ones assumed their responsibilities with becoming modesty and are carrying on with equal efficiency. M. E. Companion A. Davison presided at the banquet in his inimitable style. The entertainment and speeches were of a high order.

March 5th.—Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton. The Chapter very graciously changed their night of meeting to suit my convenience. M. E. Companions H. Sandilands, A. B. McCurdy, and R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson, Grand Superintendent, District No. 5, accompanied me. The three Principals this year are all Past Principals of the Chapter. One could not but note the faithful attendance and interest of a number of companions who for many years have been the mainstay of Norwood Chapter. Companion C. M. Laverty, of Vermilion, who accompanied me, gave a very thoughtful address at the banquet table and the remarks of the Past Grand First Principals were also timely and well received.



March 11th.—Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion. This is my home Chapter. On this occasion the H. R. A. degree was conferred. This Chapter is small but its work will compare favorably with any in the jurisdiction. Recently a number of very able companions have been admitted by exaltation and affiliation and the Chapter is looking forward to increased activity in the future.

April 11th.—A Joint Meeting, Kether Chapter No. 8, Pincher Creek, and Hillview Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest, at Pincher Creek. The Grand Second Principal and a number of companions of Golden West and Tau Cross Chapters were also present. This was undoubtedly one of the best meetings of the year. As the Grand Second Principal remarked on the return trip no amount of money could buy such an evening of good fellowship. One notable feature of this meeting was the presence of 90 year old Companion Gray, who is Tyler of the Chapter, care-taker of the two-story Masonic building, banquet purveyor, coffee-maker, and generally speaking one of the most active members of the Chapter. He was exalted when he was 87 years of age—a record for Canada, if not for the world. He was born in my home county of Glengarry, Ontario, and came west in the early 80's. There were a number of splendid informal talks given at the banquet table, but none present I am sure will ever forget Companion Gray's reminiscences of life on the prairie sixty years ago, or his remarks when he referred to advice given him about three-score and ten years ago by his preceptor in the cabinet making trade: "Always do as much as you can, not as little as you can." At ninety years of age he is still following that advice. Indeed, Companion Gray in his remarks hit on the weak spot in Masonry in this and other jurisdictions—the indifference on the part of a large portion of our membership. Companions, take that sentence of Companion Gray home with you, and try to live it out in every phase of your lives.

April 12th.—Banff Chapter, No. 20. This was not the regular night of meeting and it was at some inconvenience that the companions arranged it to suit me. Two cars from Calgary with the First Principals of Calgary and Crescent Chapters and other Calgary companions were present. The M. E. M. degree was conferred in an impressive manner.

April 14th.—Joint Meeting of Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, and Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen, at Gleichen. We were again favored with the attendance of the Grand Second Principal and a number of Golden West companions. This was claimed to be the largest gathering held in this Chapter for many years. Bow Valley Chapter, we were informed, had had no candidates for a period of ten years, but now are putting through a class of five with prospects of another similar class to follow. Harmony Chapter is also experiencing more activity in this direction.

There are two other Chapters which are still holding their charters, to which I must make reference. Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury, has decided to surrender their charter and have the members affiliate individually with one or other of the Calgary Chapters or to amalgamate with a Calgary Chapter. The matter is at present in the hands of a committee. No meetings are being held at the present time. I visited Didsbury on two occasions while passing through and discussed the situation informally with the Scribe E., R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke.

Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin, is unable to hold meetings. Two were called during the year to discuss amalgamation with



North Star Chapter, but on both occasions a quorum could not be obtained. I was requested by the Scribe E. to declare this Chapter affiliated with North Star, but hesitated to take this arbitrary action.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

District Meetings, all of which I attended, were held as follows:

Oct. 9th.—District No. 2, at Strathmore. With the District Superintendent R. E. Companion W. A. Irving presiding. All the Chapters but Bow Valley were represented. M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, answered questions on the Work.

Oct. 23rd.—Joint meetings of Districts No. 1 and 5, at Norwood Chapter, Edmonton. R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson, Grand Superintendent District No. 5, presided. Mt. Horeb and Mt. Olivet Chapters were not represented. The matter of the financial structure of the Grand Chapter was discussed at considerable length, also the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Nov. 4th.—District No. 3 at Calgary with R. E. Companion C. H. Macaulay presiding. Joseph Stauffer Chapter was not represented. This was a splendid meeting. Reports show a determined resolve to keep Royal Arch Masonry active in the District. I suggested that the city Chapters make a concerted effort to help the small Chapters in the District by visiting them when possible. Questions on the Work were answered by M. E. Companion Flan. The entertainment in the banquet room consisted of an hour of mystical illusions, music, songs, speeches and general goodfellowship.

Nov. 5th.—District No. 4 at High River. R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall presided. The complete Grand Council was in attendance at this meeting supported by M. E. Companions Bell, Ironsides, Davison, and Flan, the Grand Scribe E., and other Chapter officers. All Chapters in the District with the exception of Assiniboia were represented, and many companions from Calgary also came down for the evening. At six-thirty o'clock the High River companions were hosts to the visitors at a wild game supper. Some 125 companions sat down to a wonderful banquet. I am sure that all companions who heard M. E. Companion Davison's impromptu reply to the toast "The British Empire", were well repaid for whatever hardships were entailed in the long miles of travel to this meeting.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the District Superintendents for the wonderful support they gave me and for their unselfish efforts during the past year. I recommend that rank of Past Grand District Superintendent be conferred on these officers:

R. E. Companion John Gair.  
 R. E. Companion C. H. Macaulay.  
 R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall.  
 R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson.  
 R. E. Companion W. A. Irving having been re-elected last year, received this recognition in 1940.

I also recommend that the election of the following companions as District Superintendents for the ensuing year be confirmed, all having been regularly elected at the following district meetings:

District No. 1—V. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe.  
 District No. 2—Companion J. Spence Hughes.  
 District No. 3—V. E. Companion E. G. Pepper.  
 District No. 4—E. Companion P. J. Peterson.



V. E. Companion Dr. A. Cherry was elected Superintendent of District No. 4 but has since joined His Majesty's Forces and will be unable to assume the duties of this office. I suggest that District No. 4 meet at a convenient time at this convocation and elect a Superintendent.

### GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

Invitations were received to attend Grand Chapter Convocations from the Grand bodies to the west and east and south. I had spent some days in B.C. a few months previous to my installation while I was Grand Second Principal and while there met the Grand First Principal of British Columbia, M. E. Companion W. F. Marchant, the Grand Scribe E., M. E. Companion F. C. Bird, as well as a number of other Grand Chapter officers and companions. I attended meetings of two of their Chapters, Victoria Columbia, No. 1, at Victoria, and Pacific, No. 13, Vancouver, where I was welcomed by the Grand First Principal. I received on these occasions a most gracious welcome and was urged to attend their Grand Chapter Convocation at New Westminster on June 20th. Finding it impossible to do so I requested R. E. Companion Dr. W. W. Bell, Past Grand Superintendent, District No. 1, to represent me, which he did very acceptably. The thanks of this Grand Chapter are due to Dr. Bell who, though far from strong physically, travelled from Victoria to New Westminster and worthily represented the Grand Chapter.

It was a very great pleasure to attend the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan in Moose Jaw on May 21st. I was accompanied on this long trip by Bro. J. D. Adam of Vermilion. We drove from Battleford to Moose Jaw with the Grand Third Principal of Saskatchewan, R. E. Companion W. L. Clink, K.C., R. E. Companion Dr. J. E. Nunn and R. E. Companion J. E. McLarty—the Alberta representative in the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Their companionship relieved a long drive of its tediousness and gave me an opportunity to really get to know these wonderful companions. I attended the executive meeting the day before the Convocation opened. I noted that all members of the executive were compensated on a mileage basis for their attendance. I was particularly impressed with the fine calibre of the men comprising the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and with the sincerity and seriousness with which they approached the study of the problems confronting them—which in a general way are similar to our own. M. E. Companion W. J. Huber, G.H.P., of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota and M. E. Companion J. J. Sinclair, Grand First Principal of Manitoba, represented their respective jurisdictions. We were overwhelmed with every possible kindness and were made honorary members of the Saskatchewan Grand Chapter.

I also attended the 18th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, which met in Winnipeg on February 12th. I was privileged to attend the meeting of the executive the evening before Grand Chapter met, and learned there of the various problems confronting the Manitoba Grand Chapter. To me the most significant feature of this meeting was the presence of so many representatives from other jurisdictions. These included M. E. Companion Adolph Hafner, G.H.P. of Wisconsin, M. E. Companion Judge F. W. Senn, G.H.P. of Minnesota, M. E. Companion Angus D. McCormick, P.G.H.P. of Minnesota, M. E. Companion W. E. Pool, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, M. E. Companion E. F. Strain, P.G.H.P. of South Dakota, M. E. Companion W. J. Huber, P.G.H.P. of North Dakota, whom I had met during his year of office at Moose Jaw and who though totally blind, travelled over eleven thousand miles in the performance of his duties, Companion W. J. Hutchinson, North Da-



kota, and M. E. Companion F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E. of Saskatchewan. Honorary membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba was conferred on all the visitors from outside jurisdictions. The presence of so many visitors contributed materially to a very successful convocation. Ten Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba were also present. M. E. Companion J. J. Sinclair put through the business in an expeditious manner. The entertainment provided kept us occupied all day and far into the night. The banquet and dance in the Fort Garry hotel was attended by some five hundred companions and their ladies. The main speaker on this occasion was M. E. Companion W. E. Pool, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

A pressing invitation was received to attend the 83rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which met on April 25th. Failing this, I was asked to send a message to our mother Grand Chapter on this occasion. Alberta is particularly interested in the Grand Chapter of Canada this year as their newly elected Grand First Principal M. E. Companion John Empey is a former resident of Alberta and a life member of Keystone Chapter, Red Deer. I was very pleased to send a message of fraternal greetings and best wishes to our mother Grand Chapter.

### INTER-PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

On September 1st a joint meeting of Saskatchewan and Alberta Chapters in the Northern sections of the respective jurisdictions was held at Vermilion, Alta. We were pleased to welcome the Grand Second Principal of Saskatchewan, R. E. Companion Walter L. Clink, K.C. One Alberta companion travelled five hundred and sixty miles to attend this gathering. Vermilion Chapter was host at dinner at 6 p.m. In the evening a degree team composed of Vermilion and Battleford companions, exemplified the H.R.A. degree. This was an occasion that will be long remembered, and I feel sure will be repeated in the future.

The following month I accepted an invitation to visit Battleford Chapter No. 9, North Battleford, Sask., and accompanied by a number of Vermilion companions including M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, I visited this Chapter on October 17th. The H. R. A. degree was conferred on two companions. I was honored by being asked to give the mystical lecture. For the Saskatchewan companions the visit of the Grand First Principal of Alberta to one of their Chapters was a new experience. There was a very large attendance to welcome us. Several, including the Grand District Superintendent Dr. Kirkley, came by car from Prince Albert, a drive of 350 miles. One companion travelled 200 miles by car alone to grace this occasion. I believe that this practice of inter-provincial meetings having been started in the north will continue and will be of immense benefit to both jurisdictions.

### INTERNATIONAL MEETING

May 3rd, 1941, will go down in the history of Capitular Masonry in Alberta as the occasion of the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of our Order in this jurisdiction in the 27 years of our history. The four Calgary Chapters had the honor of a visit from High Priest Lon Crumley of Tyrean Chapter, No. 23, of Cut Bank, Montana, and the officers and companions of this Chapter accompanied by M. E. Companion Armour, P.G.H.P., of the Grand Chapter of Montana, many other Grand Chapter officers and numerous companions from



other Chapters in Montana and their wives, numbering in all ninety-six. Some of these companions drove a distance of 1400 miles to attend this meeting. Practically all Chapters in the south half of Alberta were represented as well as Vermilion Chapter in the far north. Dinner was served in the Al Azhar Temple to 378 companions and their wives, with an overflow of 27 in an up-town restaurant. M. E. Companion Mayor A. Davison presided. A short musical program and toast list completed this part of the entertainment. The ladies were then entertained at the banquet hall for the evening with pictures of the Royal visit to Canada and United States. In the meantime many more companions from adjacent points arrived and at 8:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Temple, Alberta Chapter No. 1 opened a meeting in our work, when the visitors were formally received and took over the chairs. Their first business was to open their Chapter and confer the Past Master's degree on all Canadian companions who had not already received this degree. This is necessary before one can attend Chapter meetings in their jurisdiction. The visitors had brought three candidates with them and then conferred the R. A. degree on them according to the ritual used in Tyrean Chapter. The officers had done a tremendous amount of work preparing the Chapter room for the purpose of conferring this degree. All the Alberta companions showed intense interest throughout the ceremony, which though similar in essentials is more dramatic and realistic than ours. After this work was completed and their Chapter closed, Alberta chapter officers resumed their chairs, and the First Principal E. Companion N. B. Williams thanked the visitors for a very interesting evening. I had the pleasure of welcoming our guests on behalf of our Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion Armour replied on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Montana. An informal reception was then held in the Palliser hotel. A regimental bard under Sergt. Kirk kindly contributed a musical program. On Sunday morning, breakfast was served in the Temple. The last item was the church service in Grace Presbyterian Church when Rev. Van de Mark, of Missoula, who accompanied the companions from Montana, was the guest preacher.

Two features of this wonderful gathering must be mentioned. One was the presentation of a cheque for \$100.00 from Tyrean Chapter to the Canadian Red Cross Fund. The other was a presentation of a flag of our country to Tyrean Chapter, to be hung in their Chapter room.

The end results of this gathering cannot be measured in any terms that words can express. I am sure that every Companion present from Alberta knows his neighbors across the boundary better now. They proved to us by their very presence and by every word and act while amongst us that they understood all about the struggle for freedom and survival in which the British Empire is engaged. They told us of their determination to do all in their power to help out country and the Mother Country from which after all, we both derived our Masonry as well as the ideals of tolerance, freedom and justice which characterize the democratic form of government in both our countries. May I suggest this, that there is one single factor in the happy relations between Canada and the United States and the United States and Great Britain today, outweighing all considerations of language and trade and political institutions. That is the faith and trust we have in each other and in the sincerity and worthy motives governing our domestic and foreign policies. Masonic intercourse carried on over a period of many many years has been a major factor in developing this faith. The leaders in public life both in our Empire and the United States for generations have for the most part been members of the



Masonic fraternity. At Calgary it was also pointed out that our beloved Sovereign King George VI as well as President Roosevelt are not only our brother Masons but also our Companions of the Holy Royal Arch. The Calgary Chapters are to be congratulated on arranging this wonderful gathering. May such international visits be ong continued.

I sent a message of congratulations from the Grand Chapter to Companion G. Allen of Calgary, and his wife, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6th; also messages of sympathy to families bereaved during the year which came to my notice.

### DISPENSATIONS

Alberta Chapter No. 1—To change date of regular convocation.

Edson Chapter, No. 30—To confer the three degrees on a class of candidates in the same day.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11—To confer the three degrees on a class of candidates the same day.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14—To hold a convocation on Sunday and confer the Royal Arch Degree.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To elect and install the officers on the regular convocation in January.

North Star Chapter, No. 2—To install out of time.

Vermilion Chapter No. 14—To install the Third Principal out of time.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To hold a joint installation, with Calgary Chapter No. 11, Wednesday, January 8th, 1941.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To install Companion Malin and Companion Booth, as First and Second Principals, they not having served as Second and Third Principals, respectively.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To confer the three degrees, on a class of candidates, the same day.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To install E. Companions Anderson and Marsh, as First and Second Principals, they not having served as Second and Third Principals respectively.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To install out of time.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10—To change date of regular convocation and to install out of time.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26—To install the officers out of time.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To change date of regular convocation.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14—To elect the Third Principal and install out of time.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To exalt a brother as a serving companion.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18—To change date of regular convocation and to elect and invest the Principal Sojourner out of time.

Banff Chapter, No. 20—To change date of regular convocation.

Kether Chapter, No. 8—To change date of regular convocation.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To hold a special convocation in Al Azhar Temple.

### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—Change of day of meeting from Friday to Thursday. Changing fee for affiliation from \$10.00 to \$2.00.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26—To change fee for exaltation from \$35.00 to \$25.00.



## APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

### From

Arizona—R. E. Companion Geo. E. Hutchinson.  
 Louisiana—R. E. Companion Frederick Bentley.  
 Rhode Island—R. E. Companion James J. Clarke.  
 Wyoming—R. E. Companion Horace D. Fawcett.  
 New South Wales—R. E. Companion Harold E. Bentley.

### To

Indiana—E. Companion Bert O. Pruitt.  
 West Virginia—E. Companion W. N. Chinn, M.D.  
 Oregon—E. Companion W. B. Mahon.

After this recital of the details of my work as your Grand First Principal and before I conclude my report may I present our situation in a more general way. We have completed 27 years as a Grand Chapter. Our membership today is approximately the same as it was 25 years ago. I have tabulated figures taken at random for different years during that period—

In 1917	our membership	was 1,736
In 1921	our membership	was 2,629
In 1925	our membership	was 2,840
In 1933	our membership	was 2,339
In 1938	our membership	was 1,798
In 1939	our membership	was 1,706
In 1940	our membership	was 1,657

Of late years our exaltations have decreased very markedly, and the age of our membership generally speaking is advancing. This means that unless more younger members are admitted, still more of our smaller country Chapters and some in the larger centres as well in the course of a few years will be obliged to amalgamate or surrender their charters. There is this encouraging fact that this year our exaltations are higher than for a number of years and most Chapters have admitted new members. However, deletions and deaths have more than equalled admissions. Our income as a Grand Chapter, is considerably lower than it was some years ago. Some change will have to be made in the financial set-up of the Grand Chapter. I firmly believe that it is desirable that the Grand First Principal visit as many Chapters as he can under present conditions. After all, the officers and companions generally throughout the jurisdictions look to him for personal leadership. His presence and interest give the smaller Chapters particularly, considerable encouragement. At the same time it is very difficult for him to do this without a tremendous financial sacrifice under the present budget adopted by Grand Chapter. I am going to recommend the advisability of the Grand First Principal being elected for a two-year instead of a one-year term. I believe that this is the practice in our Mother Grand Chapter of Canada. There would be this advantage as far as the Grand First Principal is concerned: He would have a longer time to get around to the various Chapters, consequently would not sacrifice as much time from his ordinary duties in any one year as must be done at present. The Grand Chapter would save approximately \$200.00 in travelling expenses alone.



## CONCLUSION

My year of office has been one of continuous pleasure to me. It has been a wonderful education to meet so many of the companions of this and other jurisdictions personally. I have been received on every visit I have made with a warmth of welcome far beyond what I deserve. I know my successor will receive similar treatment.

I know I did not stress or even mention in my visits many things some of my predecessors in office considered of much importance, which no doubt was the case in other circumstances. I realized full well that in every meeting I was speaking to men overwhelmed by the events transpiring these days—whose thoughts in many cases were with their own and other boys who on land, on sea, and in the air, are shouldering the burden of the battle for man's freedom. I tried honestly to speak such words of inspiration and encouragement as I could.

I have felt for many years and do so feel now more than ever, that the chief benefits of Masonry are spiritual, within us, in our minds, in our thinking, in the innermost depth of our souls.

The three essential purposes of Masonry to my mind are:

(1) To foster and develop in our members a belief, a faith, and trust in God, the Great Jehovah of Royal Arch Masonry. This is what we need above all else in this time of testing.

(2) To develop our faith and trust in each other. We need to know each other better. That is why attendance in our own Chapters is necessary. That is why inter-Chapter visitations are valuable. Inter-provincial and international gatherings such as we have enjoyed during the past year have only widened the circle of our influence and acquaintance.

(3) To develop our faith in ourselves. We need faith in our own individual importance, faith in our own capacity for development. We need to have impressed on us a sense of our own responsibilities, particularly now as we face the gravest emergency civilization has ever known.

*Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes  
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,  
And know that out of death and night shall rise  
The dawn of ampler life,  
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart,  
That God has given you the priceless dower  
To live in these great times and bear your part  
In Freedom's crowning hour;  
That ye may tell your sons who see the light  
High in the heavens—their heritage to take;  
"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight,  
I saw the morning break."*

Fraternally submitted,

W. HUDSON SCOTT,  
Grand First Principal

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

# *Grand Superintendents' Reports*

## DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 1 for the past Grand Chapter year.

### VISITS

**North Star Chapter, No. 2:** November 21st, 1940. Twenty members and five visitors were present; no degree work.

General Impressions: Although the average attendance would appear small for this Chapter, an excellent spirit of fellowship is quite evident. Several of its Past Grand Officers appear to take a keen interest in the work.

**Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6:** Owing to lack of interest by local members, this Chapter is unable to meet. Its membership is drawn from a scattered area and as they are desirous of amalgamating with North Star Chapter, No. 2, arrangements have now been made to have a meeting as soon as the roads are open in April, to pass the necessary resolution for which a notice of motion is pending. Several Companions from North Star and Mount Olivet Chapters intend to attend as an incentive.

**Vermilion Chapter, No. 14:** September 1st, 1940. Twenty members and thirteen visitors present. The R.A. Degree was exemplified in excellent manner.

General Impressions: This Chapter has a fine set of officers and past officers with a splendid spirit of companionship very evident.

**Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17:** Being First Principal of this Chapter in 1940, I made no official visit, but attended all meetings. I expect to visit officially next meeting.

General Impressions: A good spirit prevails and with the several new and keen officers installed from members exalted in 1939 in spite of depression, this Chapter is hopeful of improving its membership in 1941.

**District Meeting:** Held at Edmonton on October 23rd, 1940. Being unable to attend, R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson took charge of the proceedings. M. E. Companions Sandilands and McCurdy introduced M. E. Companion Dr. W. H. Scott, Grand First Principal. Forty Companions from six Chapters were present. As District No. 5 is to be amalgamated with District No. 1 in 1941, V.E. Companion A. G. Fyfe of Edson Chapter, No. 30, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1941-42.

Fraternally submitted,

J. O. GAIR,

*Grand Superintendent.*



**DISTRICT No. 2**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 2 for the past Grand Chapter year.

**VISITS**

**Harmony Chapter, No. 26:** June 5th, 1940. Fourteen members and seven visitors were present. M. M. M. and M. E. M. Degrees were conferred in excellent manner. Revisited this Chapter on November 6th. Sixteen members and six visitors were present when R.A.M. Degree was conferred. Work excellent.

General Impressions: Healthy condition; degree work very creditable; members show great interest.

**Hiram Chapter, No. 19:** August 20th, 1940. Nine members and three visitors were present. No degree work.

General Impressions: All members remain as enthusiastic as ever.

**Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10:** October 8th, 1940. Nine members and two visitors were present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Many years since this Chapter has had any work, and having difficulty getting members together to hold convocations.

**Strathmore Chapter, No. 21:** October 9th, 1940. Thirty-five members and seventeen visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: No degree work for some time. Members looking forward with hope and enthusiasm. Fine spirit evident.

**Hanna Chapter, No. 28:** September 18th, 1940. Eight members and twenty-two visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Meetings held only at long intervals. I feel that this Chapter has not seriously tried to improve their position during the past two years.

**Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27:** June 7th, 1940. The weather was very wet but twenty-seven members and twenty-four visitors turned out. R. A. M. degree was conferred in excellent manner. I attended all convocations of this Chapter during year.

General Impressions: No luke-warm attendance here. Every officer and member anxious to do his bit.

**District Meeting:** Held at Strathmore, Wednesday, October 9th, 1940. Four Chapters of District No. 2 represented. M. E. Companion Flan answered all questions. R. E. Companion Spence Hughes was elected Grand Superintendent. Grand First Principal Scott gave very interesting and instructive address.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. IRVING,

*Grand Superintendent.*

### DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor and pleasure of submitting for your consideration the following report, as Grand Superintendent:

#### VISITS

**Banff Chapter, No. 20:** December 19th, 1940. Fourteen members and one visitor were present. No degree work. I revisited this Chapter several times during the year.

General Impressions: They are trying to reach the top and I think they will.

**Crescent Chapter, No. 24:** March 3rd, 1941. Twenty-four members and thirty-seven visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Every one present very active. Looks like a good year ahead. All accounts paid and cash in Bank to take care of the year's work.

**Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9:** May 6th, 1940. Twenty-three members and twenty-two visitors were present. M. M. M. degree very well put on.

General Impressions: Good. They are making a good start for 1941.

**Alberta Chapter, No. 1:** March 10th, 1941. Eighteen members and nineteen visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Harmony reigns.

**Calgary Chapter, No. 11:** March 12th, 1941. Nineteen members and thirty-three visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Good. Looks like a good year for 1941.

**Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22:** November 6th, 1940. Nine members and seven visitors present. No work done.

General Impressions: This Chapter had not met for almost a year. Looks as if they would affiliate with some Calgary Chapter.

**District Meeting:** Held at Calgary on November 4th, 1940. M. E. Companion W. H. Scott, Grand First Principal, addressed the meeting. E. Companion E. G. Pepper was elected Grand Superintendent. A very harmonious meeting; a genuine companionship exists among the Chapters of this District. A splendid entertainment was enjoyed by the companions after the banquet.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. McAULAY,

*Grand Superintendent.*



## DISTRICT No. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter year.

### VISITS

**Golden West Chapter, No. 5:** January 28th, 1941. Thirty-three members and four visitors were in attendance. R.A.M. Degree was conferred on three candidates. Work good.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a healthy and active condition.

**Hillvue Chapter, No. 15:** June 21st, 1940. Eleven members and ten visitors present. No work.

General Impressions: This Chapter has a group of fine fellows who are carrying on splendidly under difficulties.

**Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3:** Did not visit this Chapter but from report submitted would say this Chapter is in excellent condition.

**Shekinah Chapter, No. 4:** Through unforeseen circumstances was unable to visit this Chapter.

**Kether Chapter, No. 4:** June 20th, 1940. Twelve members and seven visitors were present. No work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing well—not a very large membership, nevertheless are doing good work.

**Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16:** June 19th, 1940. Very small attendance, but very good fellows. Some help from other Chapters might assist in more enthusiasm.

**District Meeting:** Held at High River on November 5th, 1940. A wonderful meeting this turned out to be. Full Grand Council was present and many questions asked and answered. A splendid address was given by a member of Golden West Chapter; also several other fine addresses by members of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MARSHALL,

*Grand Superintendent.*

## DISTRICT No. 5

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand  
Superintendent for District No. 5 for the past Grand Chapter year.

### VISITS

**Edson Chapter, No. 30:** May 25th, 1940. Thirty-one members  
and twenty-two visitors attended. M. M. M., M. E. M. and H. R. A.  
Degrees conferred on five candidates. Work very well done.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a good healthy condi-  
tion and future prospects are bright and encouraging. The Grand  
First Principal was present.

**Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton:** September 13th, 1940.

Thirteen members and eight visitors present. M. M. M. Degree  
conferred on two candidates. Work well done.

I attended every meeting and practice during the year.

General Impressions: Future bright; four candidates in view.  
This Chapter has an excellent attendance of Past Principals at every  
meeting.

**Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton:** October 3rd, 1940. Four-  
teen members and seven visitors attended. No degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter has apparently taken on a  
new lease of life; considerable enthusiasm is shown by the present  
officers and companions. Much improvement expected.

**District Meeting:** Held at Norwood Masonic Lodge, Edmonton,  
on October 23rd, 1940. This was a joint meeting of Districts No. 1  
and No. 5. M. E. Companion Scott, Grand First Principal, was  
present and gave a very interesting talk to the companions. Copy of  
Minutes of this meeting have been sent to Grand Scribe E. E. Compan-  
ion A. J. Fyfe was elected Grand District Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. FERGUSON,

*Grand Superintendent.*



## *Grand Scribe E's Report*

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Companions:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following statements.

### *Statement of Membership*

Number of Chapters.....	26	
Number of members, as at December 31st, 1939.....		1,706

#### Increase

Admissions.....	57	
Affiliations.....	10	
Restorations.....	7	
	—	74

#### Decrease

Demitted.....	59	
Deleted.....	36	
Deaths.....	28	
	—	123
Net Decrease.....	49	
Number of members as at December 31st, 1940.....		1,657

### CHAPTER RECEIPTS AND BALANCES

		Dr.	Cr.
Alberta, No. 1.....	159.95	115.88	
North Star, No. 2.....	102.45		
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	90.75		
Shekinah, No. 4.....	58.50	6.35	.10
Golden West, No. 5.....	149.88	.25	
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	34.40		
Bekah, No. 7.....	50.00		
Kether, No. 8.....	47.94	5.55	
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	180.94	68.60	

Bow Valley, No. 10.....	37.39	7.33	
Calgary, No. 11.....	221.35		
Keystone, No. 12.....	69.85	1.80	
Capital City, No. 13.....	110.50	7.70	
Vermilion, No. 14.....	17.99	32.15	
Hillvue, No. 15.....	43.70	7.25	
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	22.25		.50
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	26.00		.75
Norwood, No. 18.....	34.65	1.25	
Hiram, No. 19.....	44.25		5.55
Banff, No. 20.....	30.90	7.50	
Strathmore, No. 21.....	36.25		1.70
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	15.35		2.11
Crescent, No. 24.....	56.00	2.86	
Harmony, No. 26.....	7.15	51.95	
Ehneyeh, No. 27.....	91.90		2.77
Hanna, No. 28.....	22.75	21.90	
Edson, No. 30.....	86.15	.25	
Cash sale of Supplies.....	1.50		
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	\$1,850.69	\$338.57	\$13.48
Less exchange charged back.....	5.60		
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	\$1,845.09		

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,

*Grand Scribe E.*

### RESTORATIONS

Alberta, No. 1.....	W. W. Brailey, Floyd Foster.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	William J. Conrad.
Kether, No. 8.....	C. H. Boag, B. O. Morrow.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Frank Kerswell.
Norwood, No. 18.....	Daniel Jackson.

### DEMITTED

Alberta No. 1.....	J. A. Cumbers, B. F. Ogilvie, E. W. Beard, J. W. Hugill, A. C. McLeod, A. C. Rowe, W. J. Kerby, A. M. Shaver, W. M. Pratt, J. H. Perrigo, V. E. Engman.
North Star, No. 2.....	Harry G. Morris, Dr. F. R. Nicholls, John McLeod, D. D. Penman, James Cook, P. M. Castor, Dr. A. R. Munroe, E. H. Pointer, Wm. Orr (1939), F. J. Wolfe (1938), G. B. McLeod, Honorary Member, Double membership.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	John D. Fairless, John S. Madill.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	P. Spurgeon, Emil G. Sick, Wm. Cross, Wm. M. Young.



- Mount Horeb, No. 6... Albert E. Webb.  
 Kether, No. 8..... B. O. Morrow.  
 Otuskwan, No. 9..... L. W. Kelly, J. T. Rae, C. D. Hart, R. H. Beavers, J. E. Giroux, P. A. Wintemute.  
 Calgary, No. 11..... Geoffrey Hustwayth, Leslie A. Maxwell.  
 Keystone, No. 12..... J. G. Connell, A. T. Turner, C. M. Laverty, H. Goldfinch.  
 Capitql City, No. 13.... Frank Kerswell.  
 Vermilion, No. 14..... Hugh Hagen, W. W. Bell.  
 Mount Olivet, No. 17.... R. J. McGowan, W. P. Hoffman.  
 Norwood, No. 18..... Herbert Cumberpatch.  
 Hiram, No. 19..... Oliver J. Cowin.  
 Banff, No. 20..... Herbert R. Foreman.  
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.. A. A. Keir.  
 Crescent, No. 24..... J. Haining, D. J. Wilson.  
 Harmony, No. 26..... C. C. Elliott.  
 Hanna, No. 28..... G. H. Wade, F. C. Bloom, H. G. Sanborn, M. S. McLeod (1937), Wm. Harrison (1939).

#### DELETIONS

- Alberta, No. 1..... A. D. Callum, G. W. Clarke, M. P. Johnston, D. B. MacKenzie, Rev. R. Pearson, G. Punshon, W. S. Quint, T. B. Redding, L. C. Straw, G. A. Sinclair, F. T. Wright.  
 Assiniboia, No. 3..... John Todd, Arthur Stephens, Walter G. Armstrong.  
 Shekinah, No. 4..... Charles H. Messinger, Samuel Milner.  
 Mount Horeb, No. 6.... R. W. Manley, Dr. H. G. Hoare, J. W. Somers.  
 Otuskwan, No. 9..... W. L. Tolton, George I. Ward.  
 Capital City, No. 13.... James C. Miller.  
 Vermilion, No. 14..... Paul J. Robock, Norman McClellan, Ernest A. Meiklejohn, William A. Fallow.  
 Mount Olivet, No. 17.... Carey W. McKinley, John W. Rattray, Garret W. Green, John Douglas.  
 Crescent, No. 24..... Joseph Shine, Robert W. Lindsay, William T. Norris, Harvey M. Redfern.  
 Eheyeh, No. 27..... Thomas Peacock.  
 Hanna, No. 28..... C. C. Holbrook.

## Auditor's Report

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter  
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the Year ending February 28th, 1941, and submit herewith:

- (a) Grand Treasurer's Statement (condensed).
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1941.
- (d) Benevolence Fund Statement.

At the close of the fiscal year there were on hand in safety deposit at the Bank:

\$1,400 Provincial Savings Certificates.  
\$1,300 Dominion of Canada Bonds.  
Ten \$100 Dominion War Savings Certificates (cost \$800)  
\$300 Debentures of Jasper Park Lodge. Registered in the  
name of David Thompson Chapter No. 29.

Depreciation on equipment has been charged at the usual rates for the year.

Inventories of supplies on hand were listed and priced by the Grand Scribe E. and certified by him to be correct.

The Debentures, Cash Balance and Insurance refund from David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, have been surrendered and are now included in Grand Chapter assets.

Fraternally submitted,

Calgary, Alberta.  
March 25th, 1941

HENRY W. FORD, C.A.,  
Auditor.

## Grand Treasurer's Statement

(Condensed)

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Feb. 29, 1940:

General Account.....	\$ 858.59
Savings Account.....	578.65
	\$1,437.24

Received from Chapters.....	\$1,845.09
Redemption of Prov. Svgs. Certs.....	1,500.00
Interest on Prov. Svgs. Certs.....	50.10
Interest on Debentures.....	15.00
Interest on Bank Account.....	3.16
David Thompson Chapter.....	64.43
	\$3,477.78
	\$4,915.02

### PAYMENTS

Per orders from G.S.E.....	1,860.15
Exchange.....	.27
Dominion Savings Certificates.....	800.00
Balance on Hand:	
General Account.....	\$1,926.75
Savings Account.....	327.85
	\$2,254.60
	\$4,915.02



## EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT

### EXPENSES

Depreciation..... \$ 107.61

#### Grand Chapter:

Proceedings.....	\$ 159.89	
Printing.....	8.37	
Rent.....	20.00	
Organist and Tyler.....	10.00	
Entertainment.....	30.32	
Christmas Cards.....	14.58	
Grand Officers Regalia.....	3.33	
Grand Z Regalia.....	84.36	
		330.85

#### Travelling:

Grand Z, 1939-40.....	\$ 85.00	
Grand Z, 1940-41.....	115.00	
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00	
		350.00

#### Office:

Salaries.....	\$ 625.00	
Insurance.....	18.61	
Telephone.....	37.76	
Supplies.....	34.17	
Stamps.....	32.75	
Engrossing.....	16.60	
Miscellaneous.....	10.98	
		775.87
		\$1,564.33

### REVENUE

Affiliations.....	\$ 9.00	
Certificates.....	178.00	
Dispensations.....	40.00	
Dues.....	1,115.25	
Fines.....	16.75	
Life Memberships.....	63.00	
Interest.....	68.26	
Profit, Chapter Supplies.....	30.95	
Profit, Chapter Regalia.....	36.15	
		\$1,557.36
Deficit for the year.....		6.97

\$1,564.33

### BENEVOLENCE FUND

#### Consists of:

Provincial Savings Certificates.....	\$ 1,400.00	
Dominion Bonds and Savings Certificates.....	2,100.00	
Savings Account.....	250.00	
		\$3,750.00

# Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1941

## ASSETS

Bank Balance, General Account....	\$1,926.75
Bank Balance, Savings Account....	77.85
Due from Chapters.....	338.57
Less Credit Balances.....	13.48
Debentures, Jasper.....	
Inventories:	
Chapter Supplies.....	\$ 770.99
Chapter Regalia.....	52.40
Office Supplies.....	206.18
Insurance.....	16.27
Equipment at Cost:	
Grand Chapter Regalia.....	\$1,426.34
Office Equipment.....	593.63
Library.....	66.12
Less Depreciation.....	\$2,086.09
	1,853.35

232.74

\$3,908.27

## SURPLUS

As at February 29th, 1940.....	\$3,582.47
Add: Debentures, Jasper.....	300.00
Cash, Jasper.....	60.21
Insurance Refund, Jasper.....	4.22
Bekah No. 7 Cr. Blice. W/O.....	2.25

3,949.15

## Deduct:

Norwood No. 18 W/O.....	\$33.91
Deficit for the Year.....	6.97

40.88

\$3,908.27



# CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1940

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1939	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Deletions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1940	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	N. B. Williams	F. J. Hand	170	3	...	2	11	11	3	150	...	20	...
2	North Star	Edmonton	3rd Thursday	E. A. Figg	O. J. Barker	140	...	...	11	...	...	1	128	...	12	...
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	J. Henderson	W. B. Stevens	133	6	1	1	2	3	2	134	1	...	...
4	Shekinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	J. McMaster	J. C. Redman	88	...	2	...	4	2	2	82	...	6	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	B. Sanderson	W. B. Way	70	6	1	...	...	...	1	76	6	...	...
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	2nd Wednesday	F. F. Young	H. G. Smith	43	...	...	...	1	3	...	39	...	4	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	E. Marcellus	E. C. Finders	42	2	...	2	1	...	1	44	2	...	...
9	Otuskan	Calgary	1st Thursday	J. Malkin	F. Bentley	130	6	1	...	6	2	3	126	...	4	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	A. R. Yates	R. P. Umbrite	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Tuesday	A. C. Blackwood	O. W. Harris	72	14	...	2	...	...	...	84	12	...	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	J. Cuthbertson	A. G. Ayres	88	1	1	4	...	...	1	85	...	3	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	F. Mayer	J. Cleveley	107	4	1	1	1	1	2	109	2	...	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	H. W. Brown	J. W. G. Morrison	40	2	...	2	...	4	...	36	...	4	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Friday	G. Copeland	R. E. Donkin	25	1	...	...	2	...	2	24	...	1	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	M. S. Weatherhead	E. H. Mack	28	...	...	...	...	...	1	28	...	...	...
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	H. W. Betts	Wm. Smith Jr.	39	...	1	...	2	4	...	33	...	6	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	J. F. Hall	J. J. Clarke	46	...	...	1	1	...	...	46	...	...	...
19	Hiram	Youngstown	Monday after full moon	W. S. Cummings	P. A. Davie	39	...	1	1	...	...	...	38	1	...	...
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	A. N. Lindsay	T. W. Balderston	46	...	1	...	1	1	1	45	1	...	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	D. A. Perry	W. E. Mercer	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	2nd Thursday	J. A. Matheson	J. L. Clarke	21	...	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	1	...
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	C. F. Dooley	F. W. Keyte	59	2	...	2	4	...	...	55	4	...	...
26	Harmony	Bassano	4th Wednesday	J. L. Young	J. R. Donaldson	44	2	...	1	...	...	2	43	1	...	...
27	Ebeye	Drumheller	1st Thursday	W. H. D. Anderson	R. H. Warwick	67	3	...	...	1	1	2	67	...	...	...
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Wednesday	S. A. Miller	C. Wylie	38	...	1	5	...	...	3	30	...	8	...
30	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	G. W. Marshall	A. J. Fyfe	54	5	...	...	...	...	1	58	4	...	...
						1706	57	10	7	59	39	28	1657	27	76	49

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Grand Scribe E and Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again it is our solemn duty to turn our thoughts to those of our companions who have passed to the Grand Chapter on high, and to express our thanks to the Giver of all Good Gifts, who allowed us the pleasure and companionship of those whom we hope again to meet when we lay down our tools and travel to that country whence no traveller returns.

*"The grave hath here no victory  
And death hath here no sting,  
The precious promises we plead,  
While to our faith we cling;  
Though friends are left on earth to mourn,  
This thought can ever cheer:  
Our ever glorious Fraternity unites  
The distant and the near."*

May we express our thanks to the Almighty for having caused the Angel of Death to have paid fewer visits to our companions this year. We have to revere and mourn the loss of twenty-seven companions of fifteen Chapters. To these Chapters we would say that their loss is our loss, and that we should learn by the lives of those who have gone before to carry on with unfailing zeal and fidelity the work they have left for us to continue, that their labours may not have been in vain.

With deep reverence we recall the passing of Companion T. H. Cool, who, while giving a lecture in the Chapter Room, was taken ill and passed away shortly afterwards. Harry was an enthusiastic worker and passed on while exemplifying the work of the Chapter which he loved and was so deeply interested in.

The Grand Chapter assures the loved ones left behind of all our beloved companions that it feels for them in their great sorrow, and confidently trusts that the Almighty will be very near to them in their bereavement and will comfort and support them in the days that are to come.

With memories still fresh of the splendid meeting recently held in Calgary, when the companions of Montana visited and conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree, we can truly feel that even though the world is staggering under the impact of war and bloodshed, and there are still no signs of peace, under Democracy we still feel the bond



of companionship with our Sister Jurisdictions, and mourn and sympathise with them in the losses they have suffered.

*"Now let our souls, on wings sublime,  
Rise from the vanities of time,  
Draw back the parting veil and see  
The Glories of Eternity."*

We should at this time express our deepest sympathy to the Grand Chapters of our Empire, whose members are daily giving their lives on the fields of conflict, on the sea, and in the air—for the cause of Democracy. Let us, with faith, trust that the Great I Am will see that their passing will not have been in vain and will comfort and support the loved ones left bereaved.

*"Sunset and ev'ning star,  
And one clear call for me,  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,  
Turns again home.*

*"Twilight and ev'ning bell,  
And after that the dark,  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark.  
For though from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar."*

Your Committee would recommend that Memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings in memory of our departed Companions, and also those of our Sister Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

J. EDGAR RANNARD, *Chairman*

MELVIN M. DOWNEY.

H. SANDILANDS.

H. W. B. BELL.

W. B. WAY.

### DEATHS IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	E. H. Levey, W. T. Hutchinson, C. J. Matthews.
North Star, No. 2.....	E. V. Johnstone.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Frank H. Helmer, Daniel S. Reid.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Christen Christenson, Gordon B. Porter.
Golden West, No. 5.....	R. E. Buswell.
Kether, No. 8.....	George D. Plunkett.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Alexander MacNab, A. C. Hagen, Thomas H. Cool.
Keystone, No. 12.....	David B. Wilson.
Capital City, No. 13...	Daniel R. Sutherland, Kenneth S. Campbell.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	George Kellock, Alexander M. Morrison.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	Carl J. Braren.
Banff, No. 20.....	Dave White.
Harmony, No. 26.....	Fletcher D. Williamson, Charles H. Plummer.
Eheych, No. 27.....	George Luck, Robert Lennon.
Hanna, No. 28.....	J. R. Wade, Thomas Davey, J. Fearnough

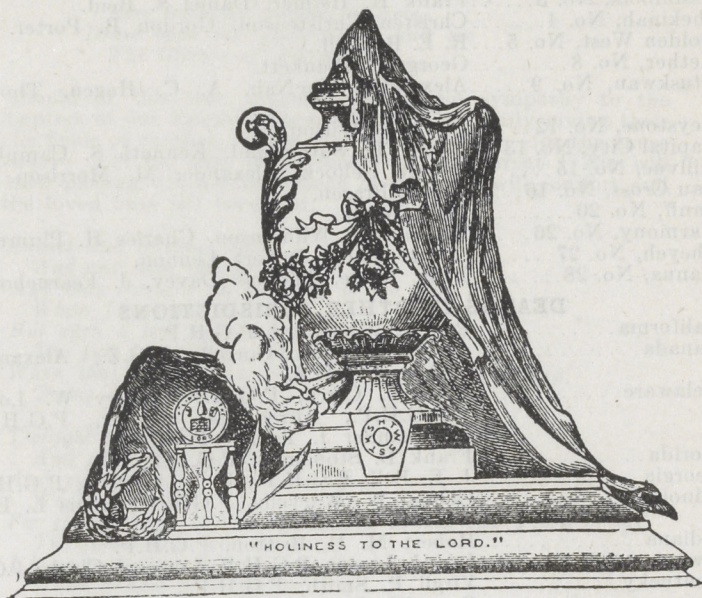
### DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

California.....	Ray R. Woodward, P.G.H.P.
Canada.....	Arthur Stirling Gorrell, P.G.Z., Alexander Cowan, P.G.Z.
Delaware.....	John L. Clark, P.G.H.P., Harry W. Lowe, P.G.H.P., Alfred M. Clower, P.G.H.P., Alexander J. Taylor, P.G.H.P.
Florida.....	Frank B. Stoneman, P.G.H.P.
Georgia.....	J. F. Bell, P.G.H.P., F. A. Johnson, P.G.H.P.
Illinois.....	George W. Warvelle, P.G.H.P., Louis L. Emerson, P.G.H.P.
Indiana.....	Robert M. H. Britton, P.G.H.P.
Iowa.....	Lars A. Larson, P.G.H.P., Lucien J. Clarke, P.G.T.
Kentucky.....	Virgil P. Smith, P.G.H.P.
Maine.....	Oren W. Ripley, P.G.S., Franklin R. Redlon, P.G.H.P., E. J. Record, P.G.S.
Maryland.....	Louis D. Gassaway, P.G.H.P.
Michigan.....	Martin E. Brackett, P.G.H.P., John H. Kingsley, P.G.H.P., Charles A. Conover, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary.
Mississippi.....	Joseph R. Feazell, P.G.H.P.
Montana.....	John W. Agnew, G.P.S., J. Benton Legatt, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska.....	Harry S. Villars, P.G.H.P.
Nevada.....	Carlos F. Dodge, P.G.H.P.
New York.....	Charles C. Hunt, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.
New Zealand.....	David Duncan, First Grand Principal.
Ohio.....	Gibson H. Robinson, P.G.H.P., William T. S. O'Hara, P.G.H.P. and G.G.H.P.
Oregon.....	Ernest P. Rands, P.G.H.P.
Pennsylvania.....	Thomas McConnell, P.G.H.P. and Grand Treasurer.
South Dakota.....	Eldon W. Clark, P.G.H.P.
Vermont.....	J. Ross Roberts, P.G.H.P., Archie S. Harriman, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.
Washington.....	Frank G. H. Baker, P.G.H.P., Walter J. Thompson, P.G.H.P.
West Virginia.....	Carney M. Layne, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming.....	Harry E. Crain, P.G.H.P.
G. G. Chapter.....	John M. Dunlap, G.G.M. 1st Veil.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.





**In Memory**  
**OF THE DECEASED**  
**Companions of Our Own**  
**and Sister Jurisdictions**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1940**

*They are not dead, those loved ones who have passed  
 Beyond our vision for a little while,  
 They have but reached the light while we still grope  
 In darkness where we cannot see them smile.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that no matters have been referred to them for consideration during the year.

Faternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE,  
M. M. DOWNEY,  
J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor, for the past year ended February 29th, 1941.

(1) We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report.

(2) We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion Ford be continued as Auditor for the ensuing Grand Chapter year, at the same remuneration, \$25.00.

(3) We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1941 be awarded to the "Albertan Job Press", who submitted the best tender, on the same basis as last year.

(4) We recommend that an amount of \$7.33, fines imposed on Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen, be written off or remitted, as this Chapter is making a genuine effort to restore former standing.

(5) We recommend that the \$300.00 of Debentures, formerly the property of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper, and which were placed to the credit of this Grand Chapter at our last annual Convocation, in accordance with Section 185 of the Constitution, be formally registered in the name of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer stand instructed to arrange the same.

(6) We recommend that owing to the impossibility of securing proper and suitable material for Grand First Principal's Regalia, we dispense with the annual purchase of same, until conditions make it possible to acquire correct material. Grand Chapter has a Regalia for Grand First Principal, which can be handed each Grand First Principal on his Installation, in the meantime.



(7) We commend the Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe E. in handling the financial affairs of Grand Chapter so satisfactorily. The estimate of probable expenditure submitted last year, was observed.

(8) In accordance with clause C, Section 51, of the Constitution, your committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of the Grand Chapter for the year, ending February, 1942:

Office Expense.....	\$150.00	Salaries, Grand Scribe E.	
Grand Z Regalia (1941)....	100.00	and Auditor.....	\$625.00
Proceedings, Printing.....	200.00	Travelling:	
Grand Chapter Convo-		Grand Z.....	300.00
cation.....	80.00	Grand Superintendents.	125.00
Miscellaneous.....	70.00	Grand Lecturer.....	50.00

Total of \$1,700.00, which amount does not include the usual amount estimated for purchase of Regalia for resale to Chapters.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.  
J. R. FLAN,  
J. V. FOLLETT,  
H. W. BELL,  
C. A. MacPHERSON,  
T. S. JEFFERY.  
J. L. CLARKE,  
F. G. YOUNG.

It was moved by M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Jeffery, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by R. E. Companion Cleveley, seconded by E. Companion Hall, that the recommendations of the Committee be approved, with the exception of that of the Grand Scribe E's salary, which shall be reduced to \$400.00 per annum. The amendment was lost on division.

The original motion to adopt the report of the Committee was then carried.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals are gratified that nothing under either of these two headings has come before them and therefore do so report that concord prevailed during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER, *Chairman*.  
H. E. BENTLEY,  
J. E. RANNARD.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by R. E. Companion Rannard, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.  
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had for advisement Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution as proposed last year by R. E. Companion G. F. Pauling and affecting Sections 252, 253 and 259. The consideration of the proposed amendments aroused a good deal of helpful discussion in the different Chapters and a variety of viewpoints have been submitted.

It would appear the main reason in support of the proposal has been the restrictions imposed regarding the reinstatement of delinquent members and as to the provision calling for *consecutive* dues-paying conditions in 259. Conflict between these and other sections of the Constitution was also stressed.

There has been an urge to make reinstatement less formal, the consensus of opinion being that Chapters should not deal as harshly with companions whose names had been deleted as was provided in the two sections first referred to.

As to Life Membership, the question is now raised in some of the jurisdictions in the United States, especially, as to whether it would not be advisable to have this form of membership abolished. This phase has not as yet been seriously discussed in this jurisdiction.

Your Committee feel that better results and more harmony may be had by removing all seemingly restrictive measures in our Book of Constitution in the hope that such might induce more delinquent members return to our fraternal sanctums. With this purpose in mind and relying on Chapters to preserve unsullied their membership, your Committee, after having given full consideration and much thought to the proposed amendments, desire to submit as the result of their deliberations in lieu of amendments suggested the following:

Sections 252 and 253: By striking out sections 252 and 253 and substituting therefor the following:

"252-3. If a companion whose name has been deleted from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues shall, upon application within one year thereafter pay the amount of dues in arrears or such lesser sum as the Chapter may decide, the First Principal shall declare him reinstated without a vote of the Chapter; but if such payment be not so made then he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Chapter upon such terms as it may desire. The Chapter may, however, require proof of good standing in Craft Masonry upon any application for reinstatement and that Notice of Application be inserted in the summons calling the next regular convocation."

Section 259—That Section 259 be amended as follows:

"(1) By adding after the word 'determine' the following:

"Provided, however, that no life membership be given to a Companion of less than five years consecutive membership in the Chapter."

(2) By deleting the words "consecutive" and "ordinary" from sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).



Has the First Principal, as a matter of right the power to amalgamate two Chapters? was a question submitted to your Committee for its viewpoint. Because of the restriction contained in Section 83 of the "Powers of the Grand First Principal" your Committee is of opinion that the amalgamation of two Chapters, where the Provisions of Section 275 and 276 are not complied with, and which would require, in essence at least the granting of a new Warrant or Charter, did not come within the purview of the powers given the Grand First Principal under the Constitution.

Your Committee respectfully suggest that all Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution should, as received by Grand Scribe E. be submitted to this committee for its consideration and recommendation to Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,  
C. H. MINCHIN,  
F. J. HAND,  
W. T. COOTE,  
J. R. FLAN,

*Committee on Jurisprudence.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Hand, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted. Carried, excepting that part relating to Sections 252 and 253.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to report that the following Chapter Returns show that they expended for benevolence and other laudable causes the amounts as shown below:

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.....	\$179.87
Golden West Chapter, No. 5.....	10.00
Kether Chapter, No. 8.....	24.20
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	107.72
Banff Chapter, No. 20.....	10.00
Crescent Chapter, No. 24.....	4.00
Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27.....	30.00

We commend these Chapters for practicing this truly Masonic virtue.

We have made no grants from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,  
E. G. IRONSIDE,  
J. E. RANNARD,  
W. E. MERCER.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Ironside, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Library Research and Education again desire to impress upon the companions that the Grand Chapter Library contains some excellent works on Royal Arch Masonry, the study of which must inevitably increase interest and affection for our Royal Order. There are also other Masonic works from which to select to increase Masonic knowledge and we are pleased to note one of our companions, A. G. R. Bond, of Hanna Chapter, is the author of a recently published work, "Masonic Insight".

It is the present regulation to lend books to Chapters only. We would, however, suggest that where Chapters would hold themselves responsible, individual companions may be allowed to borrow books, to be returned at a stipulated period of one month and a fine of five cents for every three days over due.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER, *Chairman*.  
F. J. HAND,  
J. R. FLAN,  
J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Library, Research and Education be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the Address of the Grand First Principal, beg to report we have considered same and report as follows:

We commend the spirit of his opening remarks, respecting the "testing and proving time" which our Brethren and Companions are going through in the Mother Country. We know this Grand Chapter heartily unites in the earnest prayer that the Great Jehovah will afford to them and their loved ones a continuance of His love and also our gratitude for the rich measure of His boundless mercy and grace, which we on this Continent are enjoying.

We heartily join in the tribute to the Forces of our Empire and those of our Allies, who, under the guidance of God, will triumph over the forces of evil and oppression and likewise remember in our prayers those who have consecrated their services and lives in the cause of



democracy, as well as the immediate members of their families.

We concur in his tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead in this and those of Sister Jurisdictions and know the Committee of Fraternal Dead will suitably report to this Grand Chapter.

We commend our Grand First Principal on a year of active and faithful service in the interests of the Royal Craft, in the course of which he records travelling some 13,360 miles, sometimes when the weather-man was not so kind. His visits to chapters in this jurisdiction as set out in detail in his report are both interesting and encouraging.

We commend those constituent chapters who have made contributions to the Dominion Government for War purposes.

We note with pleasure that our Grand First Principal was present at all five District Meetings and join with him in his tribute to those Grand Chapter Officers who so ably supported him in promoting the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction.

With reference to the status of Joseph Stauffer Chapter at Didsbury and Mount Horeb Chapter at Wetaskiwin, we note committees are at work on their present condition, but recommend that the incoming Grand First Principal follow up the situation in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

We are happy to note that our Grand First Principal was able to visit the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and congratulate him on being made an honorary member of both these Grand Chapters. We note with pleasure and satisfaction that R. E. Companion Dr. W. W. Bell, was appointed to represent this Grand Chapter at the meeting of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and appreciate his continued interest in the Royal Craft.

We commend our Grand First Principal on having sent the greetings and good wishes to the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario) and to record our congratulations and good wishes to M. E. Companion John Empey, the Grand First Principal, who is still a member of the Royal Craft in Alberta.

We commend our Grand First Principal for having arranged an Inter-Provincial convocation of Alberta and Saskatchewan Chapters, which was held at Vermilion on September 1st, 1940. While the notice calling the meeting stated it was for the purpose of "conferring the H. R. -A. Degree on candidates from Saskatoon and North Battleford", we understand that the work was only "exemplified"; however, it was a praiseworthy thought and we are sure it will further cement the ties of the Royal-Arch Masonry.

We note our Grand First Principal followed up this meeting with a visit to North Battleford Chapter, No. 9, G.R.S., where he witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, and by request he delivered the Mystical Lecture. We are sure it was well done and that the companions enjoyed the visit of our Grand First Principal at their Convocation.

In connection with the Inter-Provincial meeting held at Vermilion on Sunday, September 1st, opinions have been expressed which doubt the propriety of Sunday meetings. In this case it was followed by a statutory holiday and doubtless enabled many companions to attend who could not otherwise have arranged to do so without seriously affecting their usual vocations, due to the lengthy distances



they were obliged to travel. Be that as it may, we are unable to find any Masonic law in Alberta, with reference to meetings on the Sabbath day. We are aware that the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada and the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine for North America, have, either by edict, resolution or ruling of their Grand bodies, forbidden the holding of any Sunday meetings. Regardless, however, of such decisions, this Grand Chapter has the right to decide the question for itself. Your committee feel that some distinction must be made between "meetings" in the popular sense of the word and "Convocations" of Royal Arch Masons held merely for the purpose of exemplifying Masonic degrees. The latter is so in harmony with the form of worship in the Christian churches—held on the Sabbath day—that no substantial objection can be entertained and therefore we feel that the wisdom of such meetings must, in the future, rest with the Masonic judgment of those in authority.

In connection with the international meeting held in Calgary on May the 3rd and of which our Grand First Principal gives a full report, we would like to add that in addition to the Grand Council, Grand Scribe E., and Grand Treasurer of this jurisdiction being present, we had no fewer than seven of our Past Grand First Principals, namely: M. E. Companions Ironside, Flan, Follett, Mercer, Minchin, H. W. Bell, and our genial Toastmaster for the evening, M. E. Companion Andy Davison. It was a historic Masonic occasion and the largest meeting of Royal Arch Masons held in Alberta. We congratulate and commend the four Calgary Chapters and their officers for their initiative and unceasing labors in arranging this worth-while meeting. They deserve our admiration and thanks. The presentation of the substantial cheque by the members of Tyrean Chapter, No. 34, to M. E. Companion Davison, for the Canadian Red Cross, is a further evidence of the National good will of our kind neighbors of the U.S.A.

We endorse the recommendation of our Grand First Principal that Past Rank be conferred upon all Grand District Superintendents, for the Royal Arch year 1940-1941.

The dispensations granted seem to be within the provisions of our Constitution.

We also concur in the appointments made by him, as detailed in his report.

The figures quoted by our Grand First Principal, respecting membership since 1917 to date, are most interesting; we however leave this question to the Committee on the Conditions of the Order, but are glad to note that the number of exaltations were higher than they have been for some years.

In connection with the reference made to the expenses allowed the Grand First Principal in this jurisdiction, we wish to point out that the same is covered amply by Section 92 of the Constitution; that we do not submit a budget in the accepted term, but instead only an "estimate of probable expenses". In accordance with clause "c", Section 51, of the Constitution, this estimate is compiled, having regard to the probable or estimated income for the year and is intended to serve as a financial landmark to guide us and a beacon to show us what we must avoid.

We have considered the recommendation of our Grand First Principal with respect to a two year term for the Grand Council. A similar recommendation was made by M. E. Companion Minchin in 1938



and the committee on his report at that time, reported, "that while we appreciate the arguments of the Grand First Principal, in regard to a two year term for officers, we do not think it wise to do so at the present time."

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada (in Ontario) hold meetings each year, but re-elect officers for a second year; the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar for Canada also meet annually, and re-elect their chief Officers for a second year, although officers below the rank of the Grand Scribe E. are changed each year and indeed the Provincial Priors are frequently changed annually.

There is no doubt that a two year term for certain officers is both beneficial and economical, but many companions point out that the opportunity to share in Grand honors is greatly diminished by a two year term for all officers and we believe there is merit in this contention. We feel that the Grand Council should serve for two years, by mutual understanding, subject of course to the will of Grand Chapter, and that in many cases the same could apply, with benefit, to the Grand Superintendents, but that offices such as Sojourners, Registrar, and other offices, as well as those of the Executive Committee, could be changed each year, in order that the honor of serving may be extended and not more limited than at present.

No constitutional change would be rendered necessary for this, so far as we know at the moment, and we do not agree that a provision which would set up a Constitutional provision, making the term of all Grand Chapter Officers for two years, mandatory, would be either wise or necessary; in fact, it might operate to a disadvantage in some cases, both to the individual and the Grand Chapter. Having regard to all the circumstances and with a view of meeting the wishes of all companions, we recommend:

THAT this Grand Chapter approves, in principle, of a two year term for the Grand Council and Grand Superintendents, but that the Constitution provisions continue as at present, leaving the wisdom of a two year term for any officer to the companions who are authorized to elect such officers.

We concur with the lofty thoughts expressed by our Grand First Principal in the concluding portion of his address, and desire to record the appreciation and thanks of this Grand Chapter to M. E. Companion Scott, on a year of faithful and untiring effort in the interests of Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.  
J. R. FLAN,  
H. SANDILANDS,  
E. G. IRONSIDE,  
HAROLD W. B. BELL,  
W. E. MERCER,  
J. W. G. MORRISON,  
A. B. McCURDY.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in the  
Jurisdiction of Alberta beg to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reports of the five District Superintendents as received from the Grand Secretary. This is our only source of information, and we gather the following facts—

There were 26 Chapters in this jurisdiction in 1940 with a total membership of 1,657 and with outstanding dues of nearly \$3,000.

We find it exceedingly difficult to give a true picture of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta because of the very poor way in which some of the District Superintendents reports are made out, many important details being omitted, and many others being obviously incorrect.

We note that five of the Chapters were not visited officially for various reasons—all legitimate, but not insuperable—and one, Assiniboia Chapter, stating that no District Superintendent has visited it during the past three years. This is very regrettable, and causes us to make this observation: District Superintendents have very important duties to perform. Some of the Superintendents seem to think that all they have to do is visit each chapter in his jurisdiction once during his term of office. May we point out that many chapters require special attention and advice on various matters during each year. The responsibility of caring for these matters rests clearly on the shoulders of the District Superintendents. They should fully realize this when accepting and taking the oath of office. They should be particularly concerned about the weak chapters and make a very special effort to encourage and assist not only personally, but by asking stronger chapters to lend a helping hand.

Of the 26 Chapters in 1940, two, Mount Horeb and Joseph Stauffer, have definitely decided to surrender their charters and affiliate with some neighboring chapter. We strongly recommend that the Grand First Principal proceed to perform this duty according to the rules of Constitution as early as possible, and at the same time endeavor to urge on the members in good standing the necessity and desirability of immediate affiliation with the Chapter of their choice.

We regret to note a further decrease of 47 net during the year—a condition that has prevailed for the past ten years, and ought to be stopped. In fact if it is not stopped soon we will die a slow and lingering death for want of members. We believe much can be done towards this end if our membership will only take their Royal Arch Masonry seriously. We urge that each member approach, in a dignified and Masonic manner, as many Craft Masons as possible and suggest the desirability and necessity of their becoming Royal Arch Masons in order to round out their Masonic education. A neighboring jurisdiction has gone so far as to print a leaflet for use by their members for this purpose. We suggest the desirability of this Grand Body adopting a similar scheme for the use of our members.



We believe that it is undesirable for the District Superintendents to make their official visit coincident with that of the Grand First Principal, neither should his official visit be at the time of the District Meeting. It helps to sustain interest to have as many Grand Chapter Officers visit as is possible on separate occasions.

Our District Meetings were successfully carried out by the officers in charge, and we are confident much good resulted to those Chapters who were represented; at the same time eleven of the chapters had none of their officers present, and it is not at all surprising to find that these are among the weakest chapters in the Province. We also see that several of these weak chapters had no officers present at Grand Chapter Convocation. Not only do these chapters lose the inspiration and education of these Grand Chapter activities, but they also lose the good fellowship and Masonic harmony that are of such value to the individual during these trying and difficult times through which we are passing.

We recommend that the rank of Past District Superintendent be conferred upon:

R. E. Companion J. O. Gair  
 R. E. Companion W. A. Irving  
 R. E. Companion C. H. McAulay  
 R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall  
 R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson

and draw the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact that R. E. Companion Irving has just completed two successive and successful years as Superintendent of District No. 2, and has performed his duties very acceptably to all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman.*  
 J. R. FLAN,  
 HAROLD W. B. BELL,  
 W. T. COOTE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Bell, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg to report that harmony prevails throughout Capitular Masonry. The Grand Chapter of Alberta is in fraternal correspondence with sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions. At this Grand Convocation, Grand Representatives from many of these Jurisdictions were received and welcomed with Grand Honors.

We pause as we write the report of this Committee. We realize that two outstanding men, who have written reviews of Sister Jurisdictions, have passed to their reward, namely:



M. E. Companion William Nisbet Ponton... Canada  
 M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm..... Texas

*"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."*—II Samuel, 3-39.

"Most Excellent Companion Col. William Nesbit Ponton, K.C., was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1856, and lived his entire life in that city. He was not only active in Masonry and the legal profession but was also the officer commanding the old 15th Regiment of Belleville, from 1895 to 1901, retiring as their Honorary Colonel. He was keenly interested in the Great War, also in the Cadet movement. A member of the Senate of the University of Toronto and a former chairman of the Belleville Board of Education.

"In Masonry he was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. In 1919-20 the great honor was bestowed upon him in electing him the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario. He passed to the Grand Chapter above on September 6th, 1939, having been in ill-health for over two years." (Canada).

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"Most Excellent Companion Sam J. Helm was an exceptional man and a Mason, whose life and service is worthy of special notice in our own day and generation. He was a man of unique and distinctive character. He was a Mason of the 'Old School' who believed in, and maintained, the landmarks of ancient Craft Masonry in all their verities. He consecrated his life to the cause of Masonry, and diffused true Masonic light and knowledge in a Masonic world prone to drift from its ancient moorings. He stood as a beacon light, in a world of moral decadence, and constantly admonished those who would inject modern innovations into the Ancient Customs and Usages of Craft Masonry." (Texas).

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Another writer of international repute who has passed on was M. E. Companion Archie Sherman Harriman, of Vermont. The Chairman of this Committee has known Companion Harriman since 1914. He has been Grand Secretary of the various Masonic Grand Bodies in the State of Vermont during that period, and for many years the Foreign Correspondent. His critical commentaries, forceful illustrations and general knowledge of Masonic history and philosophy will be sadly missed, not only in Vermont but among his contemporaries throughout the Masonic world.

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As one writes of the important happenings in each Grand Chapter he will be pardoned if one of his first thoughts is along conditions across the sea. Masonry is being tested as never before. Our British companions are standing up in no uncertain manner in throwing off those who are opposed to the work of our institutions. From several of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters in the United States we excerpt:

FROM CALIFORNIA: "In the face of international unrest, dictatorial suppression of liberties and the removal of the right to permit men to meet in the common bond of Brotherhood we may well be thankful that we still enjoy the privileges of a free people. . . . We have seen the plight of our brethren in foreign lands. We know what happens when indifference supplants clear thinking. When ideals



are shattered, when usurpers assume power, might, slavery and serfdom usually creep in. Masonry must take the lead in good citizenship, and support free democratic government, and quench the fires of despotism."

FROM ILLINOIS: "Today the ancient 'kings and princes' who wanted loyal and peaceful subjects have been displaced by dictators who rule by fear and might. In one country Masonic Lodges were ordered closed and their property confiscated because the dictator did not need them to help him govern the country. For similar reasons Masonry has been arbitrarily suppressed in other countries. The rule of hate, greed and selfishness has displaced the gospel of 'Peace on earth goodwill toward men'. So the world goes blithely on toward destruction and civilization, toward annihilation, while the unholy lust for power by a few men continues to torment innocent people."

FROM INDIANA: "In the recent advent of un-Americanism, Free Masonry has felt a lull in its growth. Is there any connection between the growth of un-Americanism and the falling off in the additions to Free Masonry? Certain it is that Germany, Russia and Italy are not fertile soil for Free Masonry. It is like the sower who went forth to sow, and all the seed of Freemasonry that had already sprung up in these lands has been crushed for want of proper nourishment in the soil. With the slackening in the interests in teachings of Freemasonry has gone the lessening of loyalties to Americanism. Let this truth be printed in bold headlines before every Free Mason. There can be no escaping this incongruity."

FROM MISSISSIPPI: "What is Masonry today? Is its light still burning brightly, or is it being dimmed by events that are being shaped in our present world history? We, as Masons, must view with alarm the manner in which dictatorships have arisen and the steady increase of their power and influence; and you will notice that the first institution to be suppressed in these countries is the Masonic Order. Gone is that liberty of thought, liberty of speech, and liberty of action which we, as Masons, prize so highly. The present trend toward dictatorships means inevitably the imposition of greater restrictions on the Masonic fraternity, and it makes us realize that Democracy and Masonry are closely intertwined. If Democracy fails, so will Masonry fail."

The sentiments expressed by our companions to the south of us have our hearty endorsement. For some eighteen months the airplanes have been in the air above us here in the interior of Canada, and the same is beginning to happen in the United States.

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	<i>Chapters</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
Alabama .....	50	3,396		222
Alberta .....	26	1,706		91
Arizona .....	11	785		2
Arkansas .....	52	2,777		35
British Columbia .....	28	2,112		27
California .....	124	18,534		564
Canada (Ontario) .....	158	17,252		355
Colorado .....	51	5,681		216
Connecticut .....	46	10,826		477
Delaware .....	5	1,343		109
District of Columbia .....	16	4,400		159
Florida .....	40	3,105		42

	<i>Chapters</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
Georgia.....	101	5,968	76	
Idaho.....	23	1,832		7
Illinois.....	227	40,125		2,770
Indiana.....	115	20,526		409
Iowa.....	104	11,803		579
Kansas.....	95	11,069		569
Kentucky.....	101	7,660		271
Louisiana.....	55	4,140		173
Maine.....	68	11,590		502
Manitoba.....	16	1,316		14
Maryland.....	26	6,437		338
Massachusetts.....	97	26,229		1,527
Michigan.....	158	25,621		2,078
Minnesota.....	81	11,279		408
Mississippi.....	50	3,005	94	
Missouri.....	107	15,654		1,376
Montana.....	35	3,047		112
Nebraska.....	54	4,918		269
Nevada.....	8	542	19	
New Brunswick.....	11	1,112		30
New Hampshire.....	26	3,406		111
New Jersey.....	57	11,328		956
New Mexico.....	14	1,303		4
New York.....	223	40,338		3,071
New Zealand.....		3,988	128	
North Carolina.....	40	3,360		192
North Dakota.....	25	2,060		129
Nova Scotia.....		1,491		54
Ohio.....	204	48,417		1,783
Oklahoma.....	62	5,915		246
Oregon.....	48	5,210	174	
Pennsylvania.....	153	38,401		2,095
Quebec.....	23	2,597		97
Rhode Island.....	16	6,650		562
Saskatchewan.....	26	1,744		78
South Carolina.....	30	1,699		101
South Dakota.....	36	2,935		181
Tennessee.....	74	5,247	3	
Texas.....	235	19,270		547
Utah.....	8	1,144		6
Vermont.....	29	3,802		152
Virginia.....	69	10,408		212
Washington.....	52	5,548		204
West Virginia.....	45	7,976		265
Wisconsin.....	110	18,100		776
Wyoming.....	18	1,643	16	
General Grand U.S.A.....	2,998			
		431,268		22,353

In addition to those Grand Chapters noted above Queensland and Victoria are to be congratulated on showing net gains for 1939.

It is not the intention of the Committee to present an individual review of each Grand Jurisdiction, but a comparison of the four Western Canadian Jurisdictions will be of interest:



		<i>Grand Chapter Member's p</i>	<i>Grand Lodge Member's p</i>	<i>Percentage of R.A.M.</i>	<i>Average Chapter Member's p</i>	<i>Average Decrease in Members</i>
B.C. ....	28	2,097	13,438	15.6	75	27
Manitoba .	16	1,307	10,409	12.5	82	9
Sask. ....	26	1,744	12,243	14.2	67	78
Alberta ...	26	1,706	10,816	15.8	66	91

The ritualistic work is the same in the Jurisdictions of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, the work in question being purchased from the Grand Chapter in Ontario. Any alterations made from time to time by the companions in Ontario are usually adopted by these three Western Grand Chapters. A different situation now exists in British Columbia. The British Columbia Grand Chapter has revised and made suitable a new book for that Grand Body. It will include Forms and Ceremonies completed with alterations and additions, also rearranged and indexed with suitable diagrams for station of officers. This work is to be sold to those desiring it at Fifty Cents per copy.

Many Albertans will hear with sincere regret of the passing of M. E. Companion Henry Giegerich, of Kaslo, B.C. The eighty year old Royal Arch Mason was well known in the Crow's Nest Pass district.

R. E. Companion John J. Miller, of Vancouver, ably reviews Alberta, 1940, at which Grand Convocation he was present, accompanying M. E. Companion Dr. Samuel Fea.

V. E. Companion C. J. Hutchins, of Holland, Manitoba, is the Reviewer of that Grand Jurisdiction, and quotes freely from the address of M. E. Companion McCurdy. His report gives us valuable information and statistics of Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world.

Saskatchewan Masonry has lost one of the pioneers of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada—Dr. Arthur Sterling Gorrell, who was Grand First Principal of Canada, and later a Past Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan. The Report of Saskatchewan includes a paper on the "Volume of the Sacred Law", by Bro. H. S. Fry, of Regina. We commend this to our Alberta companions as it is one of the best the writer has read on this subject.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,

*Chairman of Committee.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee, after due consideration, have adopted certain rulings, relating to the procedure to be followed in the Installation of Officers of Chapters, as well as the giving of signs. These have been recorded in the Book of Rulings, and will be communicated to the Chapters and Chapters of Instruction, by the Grand Lecturer, or one of the other members of the Committee.

Questions submitted at the District Meetings, in the southern part of the jurisdiction, were answered by M. E. Companion Flan, Grand Lecturer, and in the northern part by M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, member of the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN, *Chairman.*

H. SANDILANDS,

C. A. MacPHERSON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FORMS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and  
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Forms has examined the existing stock of forms in the Grand Scribe E's Office and recommend that when the present stock of Grand Scribe E's receipts are exhausted, that a new stock be purchased using duplicate carbon copy.

We recommend the adoption of a loose leaf Register and Minute Book for Constituent Chapters to replace those in use when they become exhausted.

The loose leaf binders, 100 sheets of Minute paper and 50 sheets of Register forms would cost approximately the same as our present Register (\$5.20) but the purchase of refills would cost approximately \$1.50 per hundred sheets, which could be obtained direct from the Scribe E's Office as required.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, *Chairman.*

J. V. FOLLETT,

ARCHIE WEST.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion Keyte, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Forms be received and adopted.



## GENERAL BUSINESS

On the motion of R. E. Companion Way, seconded by R. E. Companion Rannard, it was

RESOLVED that the words "Grand Organist" be included in Section 29 of the Constitution.

Notices of Motion that were tabled for one year were now dealt with and the one relating to Section 259, asking that the word "consecutive" be deleted, was approved; those relating to Sections 252 and 253 were not approved.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED that this Grand Chapter donate \$1,000.00 from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of England, to be used as that Grand Body may determine.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McCurdy, seconded by M. E. Companion Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED that M. E. Companion Scott be paid a total sum of \$350.00 on account of expenses as Grand First Principal for the past Royal Arch year.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED that Honorary Life Membership be conferred on M. E. Companion Arthur E. Miscampbell, with the rank of Past Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion McCurdy, it was

RESOLVED that \$5.00 be granted to Companion Fred Loughlin as Grand Tyler at this Convocation.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that there are twenty-two Chapters represented, with a total of 112 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, *Chairman.*

On the motion of R. E. Companion Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion Ferguson, it was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

M. E. Companion Miscampbell, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, thanked the Grand Chapter in a few well chosen words for the honor that they had conferred on him, by electing him as a Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, stating that he had enjoyed very much his visit to the Jurisdiction, but on account of his having to address the companions at the Banquet, he would of necessity be brief in his remarks.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for the ensuing year now took place, with the following results:

Grand First Principal.....	M. E. Companion W. B. Way
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe E.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion H. S. Baird
Grand Principal Sojourner.....	R. E. Companion C. W. Lilley
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion C. S. Orr
Executive Committee, two-	
year term.....	R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley
	R. E. Companion J. Cleveley
	R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte
	R. E. Companion R. M. Lambertson

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of the Officers was then proceeded with, M. E. Companion Flan being Installing Principal and M. E. Companion Bell, Director of Ceremonies.

Grand Z.....	M. E. Companion W. B. Way
Grand H.....	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand J.....	R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton
Grand Supt., District No. 1....	R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe
Grand Supt., District No. 2....	R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes
Grand Supt., District No. 3....	R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion H. S. Baird
Grand Principal Sojourner.....	R. E. Companion C. W. Lilley

### GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, was closed in AMPLE FORM at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

*Cyril A. MacPherson*

Grand Scribe E.



**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION****MAY 19th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	*F. S. Selwood.....	1928
*J. N. Rankin.....	1915	J. R. Flan.....	1929
F. S. Watson.....	1916	J. W. G. Morrison.....	1930
*R. Patterson.....	1917	J. A. McGhee.....	1931
*A. R. Dickson.....	1918	J. V. Follett.....	1932
M. M. Downey.....	1919	A. West.....	1933
N. T. Macleod.....	1920	A. Davison.....	1934
*H. Darling.....	1921	W. E. Mercer.....	1935
G. B. McLeod.....	1922	H. Sandilands.....	1936
W. T. Coote.....	1923	C. H. Minchin.....	1937
J. E. Johnson.....	1924	A. B. McCurdy.....	1938
S. H. Middleton.....	1925	H. W. B. Bell.....	1939
E. G. Ironside.....	1926	W. H. Scott.....	1940
*W. M. McNab.....	1927	W. B. Way.....	1941

**HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS**

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche.....	Saskatchewan
*A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster.....	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart.....	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin.....	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie.....	Saskatchewan
F. E. Doull.....	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook.....	Manitoba
W. B. Saunders.....	Wyoming
W. B. Hooker.....	Saskatchewan
E. T. Johnson.....	Manitoba
S. D. Cruden.....	Manitoba
C. E. Cole.....	Manitoba
S. H. Jackson.....	Saskatchewan
S. Fea.....	British Columbia
A. E. Miscampbell.....	Saskatchewan

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

Geo. Syme.....	Manitoba
Chas E. Cole.....	Manitoba

**GRAND SCRIBES E.**

M. M. Downey.....	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel.....	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1939

\* Deceased. † Demitted.

## CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

### District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe,

Address: Edson, Alberta.

No. 2	North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 13	Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 18	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 30	Edson.....	Edson

### District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes

Address: Strathmore, Alberta.

No. 10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 19	Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26	Harmony.....	Bassano
No. 27	Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna.....	Hanna

### District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper

Address: 214-11th Ave. N.W., Calgary.

No. 1	Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwan.....	Calgary
No. 11	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff.....	Banff
No. 22	Joseph Stauffer.....	Didsbury
No. 24	Crescent.....	Calgary

### District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion P. J. Peterson

Address: Claresholm, Alberta

No. 3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 5	Golden West.....	High River
No. 8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross.....	Claresholm



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*President*—R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, Grand H.

M. E. Companion W. B. Way, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton.....	Grand J.
R. R. Companion A. J. Fyfe.....	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1
R. E. Companion T. S. Hughes.....	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2
R. E. Companion E. G. Pepper.....	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3
R. E. Companion P. J. Peterson.....	Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4
R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Companion H. S. Baird.....	Grand Scribe N.

## ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion J. Cleveley.....	Two Years
R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley.....	Two Years
R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte.....	Two Years
R. E. Companion R. M. Lambertson.....	Two Years
R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin.....	One Year
R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson.....	One Year
R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke.....	One Year
V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn.....	One Year

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Lecturer.....	M. E. Companion J. R. Flan
Grand Senior Sojourner.....	V. E. Companion T. W. Balderston
Grand Junior Sojourner.....	V. E. Companion J. B. Cameron
Grand Sword Bearer.....	V. E. Companion G. D. Caughey
Grand Master 1st Veil.....	V. E. Companion D. A. Perry
Grand Master 2nd Veil.....	V. E. Companion L. A. Bennett
Grand Master 3rd Veil.....	V. E. Companion Alex Anderson
Grand Master 4th Veil.....	V. E. Companion G. B. Hawley
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.....	V. E. Companion S. H. Comba
Grand Organist.....	Companion J. Bullough
Grand Pursuivant.....	V. E. Companion S. G. May
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion A. L. Watkins
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion D. E. Price
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion T. Law
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion W. R. Fowler
Grand Tyler.....	V. E. Companion G. Allen.

## SUB-COMMITTEES

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### Grand First Principal's Address

All Past Grand First Principals; M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, *Chairman*.

### Credentials

R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley, *Chairman*; All Grand Superintendents.

### Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee, V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn.

### Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. T. Coote, J. R. Flan, H. W. B. Bell, W. H. Scott, R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, J. M. Donaldson, F. W. Keyte.

### Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. R. Flan, A. West, A. B. McCurdy, C. H. Minchin, W. T. Coote.

### Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions C. H. Minchin, J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, J. A. McGhee, A. West, A. Davison, R. E. Companions T. S. Jeffery, J. L. Clarke, C. A. MacPherson.

### Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. E. Mercer, J. A. McGhee, G. B. McLeod, R. E. Companions E. G. Ellerton, J. L. Clarke.

### Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, A. West, J. A. McGhee, E. G. Ironside, W. E. Mercer, R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, J. M. Donaldson, R. M. Lambertson.

### Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion E. G. Ellerton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions H. Sandilands, A. B. McCurdy, R. E. Companions J. Cleveley, R. M. Lambertson.



### Foreign Correspondence

R. E. Companion H. E. Bentley, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. V. Follett, C. H. Minchin, E. G. Ironside, J. W. G. Morrison, A. West, R. E. Companions J. W. Verge, F. J. Hand.

### Permanent Committee on Work

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.

### Library, Research and Education

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions H. Sandilands, J. R. Flan, J. W. G. Morrison, W. H. Scott.

### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1942.

C. A. MacPHERSON,

*Grand Scribe E.*

## GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas.....	John Q. Wolf.....	Batesville
British Columbia.....	F. C. Bird.....	535 Georgia St., Vancouver.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada.....	Edwin Smith.....	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
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Connecticut.....	W. E. Cort.....	Masonic Temple, New Haven
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington, Box 94
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England.....	Sydney A. White.....	Freemasons' Hall
Florida.....	Cary B. Fish.....	233, Palm Ave., Sarasota
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Idaho.....	Edward H. Way.....	Boise, Box 1203
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Iowa.....	George E. Masters.....	Glenwood
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.....	Dublin, Freemasons' Hall
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Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
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West Virginia.....	George M. Ford.....	Wheeling, P.O. Box 643
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## *Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates*

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### ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1941 and 4,000 equal to 5,941.

### ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1941 and 530 equal to 2,471.

### ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1941 and 1,000 equal to 2,941.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1941 less 1,118 equal to 823.

### ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1941 and 1913 equal to 3,854.

### SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,700, thus: 1941 and 3,700 equal to 5,701. After September add another year.



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# Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

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## *Elected Officers for 1941*

**M. E. Comp. W. B. Way** ..... **Grand First Principal**  
High River, Alberta.

**R. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard** ..... **Grand Second Principal**  
642-12th Street S., Lethbridge, Alberta.

**R. E. Comp. E. G. Ellerton** ..... **Grand Third Principal**  
Box 158, Edmonton, Alberta.

**R. E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery** ..... **Grand Treasurer**

**R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson** ..... **Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)**  
1412-2nd Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta.

**R. E. Comp. H. S. Baird** ..... **Grand Scribe N.**

**R. E. Comp. C. W. Lilley** ..... **Grand Principal Sojourner**

**R. E. Comp. C. S. Orr** ..... **Grand Registrar**

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